



FDRC NEWSLETTER

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COVID 19 BRC UPDATE

All events will be run following the latest BRC Covid Guidelines. Please check BRC site for update at <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19>

POST LOCKDOWN

When we were all eased back into very nearly normal in June/July we, as a Committee were a little wary of organising events that might have to be cancelled due to another lockdown or riders not wanting to venture out yet. All events take a certain amount of planning, time & effort to set up & run and it is disheartening when they have to be axed at the last minute.

So we sent round the survey and based on the results started to plan a programme of events & training. This move proved popular our calendar soon started to fill up again. We got good support from you, our members and the FDRC slowly came back to life.

NEW MEMBERS A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Members:

Clare Summers (Godmersham), Jane Elwell (Brook), Jean Ashford (Hastingleigh),
Fiona Walker (Chilham), Lynnette Marsh (Hougham), Sandy O'Connell (Stockbury)
Sarah Reed (Blean), Jo Murrell (Hougham), Samantha Horton (Elham) and
Jennifer Tanton-Brown (Chatham)

we look forward to meeting you all soon at an FDRC Event.

FLU VAC REGULATION BRC UPDATE

As part of the BHS, welfare of the horse is obviously paramount, however in the current climate the risk of a flu outbreak is at this time minimal.

BRC are therefore comfortable to remove the requirement of a vaccination within 6 months and 21 days of a qualifier or championship. This will be with immediate effect, however, we will continue to strongly recommend a 6 month vaccination when attending BRC qualifiers and championships along with maintaining good biosecurity protocols.

In order to compete in a BRC qualifier and/or championships the annual vaccinations (12 month) and initial course must be correct as per G7 of the Handbook BRC reserve the right to amend these vaccination rules should another outbreak occur

SOME RATHER SAD NEWS

IN MEMORY OF ANGELA STANNARD POWELL

Angela was a founder member of the FDRC Member sadly passed away on June 29th – Angela Hudson has kindly written the following tribute to Angela.

Today, the 3rd August we learned that a much loved founder member of Faversham & District Riding Club had died. Angela Stannard Powell came to our very first meeting when the possibility of running a Riding Club in the area with the aim of teaching and sharing ideas on horsemanship while having fun was mooted and accepted with tremendous enthusiasm. Angela, with her very impressive chestnut gelding Cromwell, took part in lots of the many varied activities. She was a very loyal member and everyone who knew her will truly be very sad but grateful that they had the privilege of knowing her.

Editors Note: As Angela was a founder member of the FDRC there were several other founder members that attended her funeral including the founding committee pictured



From left to right
Craig & Sally King, Sharon Hann,
Julie Mancini. Angela Hudson,
Mel & Graham Elvy, ,
Jan Williams and
Colin Hudson.
Seems a long time since 1980!!

IN MEMORY OF PHIL SUTTON

We are also very sad to inform you that Chrissy Sutton lost her husband Philip on July 23rd. Phil was a wonderful and unassuming person who never seemed to lose his cool whatever happened. A stalwart supporter of the FDRC and always quietly helping at our many events, he will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our heart felt commiserations to Chrissy and her family

Angela Hudson has kindly written a tribute to Philip.

It is with the greatest sadness that members received the news of the death of Phil Sutton.

Phil was one of those incredible people who are always available to help with difficult situations. He and Chris were always there when we were setting up shows, never minding coming early and staying until everything they could do was finished. Phil was unassuming but very much appreciated.

*He and Chris were both people committed to making our Riding Club a success. It was really hard work putting up the many rings to accommodate the large number of classes we ran and we couldn't have had such a success without the help of people like Phil.
We send our love to Chris and Family. Colin & Angela Hudson.*

LOOKING BACK

CROP WALK at Lees Court Farms on 23rd July (our first "live" social event for a long while)

This was a most interesting evening learning about the diverse and unusual crops that are grown at Lees Court and what they are used for in the cosmetic, medical and alternative therapy world.

Sadly it was poorly supported with just 1 member who was not on the committee or actually giving the talk plus two husbands and one of our instructors. So, just 6 of us in total – there were more dogs than humans which was disappointing for Liz who had prepared lovely info packs for us to take home and gave an interesting, informative and sometimes amusing talk.

We do realise that several people could not come due to hay gathering activities.

That said it was a fascinating evening and some of us retired to the Rose & Crown afterwards for a lovely meal to round the evening off.

NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP with WAYNE BUSHNELL at Mockbeggars Farm on 31st July

Report by Bev Horkan who kindly hosts and arranges these clinics.

Blessed again with the weather we started a second clinic with Wayne Bushnell of Wayne Bushnell Horsemanship at Mockbeggars Farm. 4 participants and 6 spectators attended

Wayne fully engages with each horse owner and listens to each horse's story. Then the magic begins. From young, hardly backed youngsters to older retired racehorses he gets straight to work and gets them connecting, releasing and training them. Wayne explains what he is doing and why and quickly creates a bond with each horse.

We had one area free from obstacles and then a separate area with all manner of things to help build the horses' confidence.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and asked when we could do another one. Perhaps a Wednesday one might suit people as weekends are packed with events and competitions now?

Thank you all for attending, Thankyou Wayne for a hugely enjoyable and informative day. Thankyou Elizabeth Roberts, Sean and Matty Horkan for your help. I feel so happy to be able to put on these events and could not do it without you all.

Pics below: Grey horse Mac owned by Debbie Harris Skewbald Alison Hargreaves and Nellie



A further Natural Horsemanship day was held on Wed 1st Sept. and more may be held – watch out for info by email, facebook & our website.

BBQ and RAFFLE at Rose Cottage, Stelling Minnis on Aug 1st

Rose Cottage was the venue for a social BBQ - we had hoped for a bright sunny August day and what we got felt more like a mid winters day... boy, didn't it rain and I don't think it actually stopped.

But what a group of hardened members we have ... 27 members and family/friends came to a fun, but soggy BBQ. Thank goodness for a quick phone around to members to bring a couple of gazebos and umbrellas to shelter under (big shout out to Bev Horkan, Tim Roberts and Sally King for the gazebo's/garden umbrellas).

Yvonne Hursey did an amazing job of providing wonderful food from pulled pork to veggie burgers and Amazing salads and slaws. Liz Roberts provided fresh strawberries and cream whilst Tim Roberts kept everyone's drinks topped up (even if diluted with rain water!).

Most amazing of all was that we managed to keep a coal BBQ alight – it really was a very wet event! The raffle was successful raising over £60 for club funds.

Let's hope that next year we might even see the sun

Here are some BBQ pics:

- 1 Tim & Liz trying to keep the BBQ from flooding!!
- 2 The chef at work
- 3 The wonderful spread
- 4 The sun has come out!! We can get out from under the gazebos!



Tim & Liz trying to keep the BBQ from flooding!!



The chef at work



The wonderful spread



The suns out!! We can get out from under the gazebos!

VERSATILE TREC HORSE at Willow Farm on Aug 22nd

This event was a great success. We had 30 horses taking part the three part competition. One or competitors dropped out due to Thanet having a massive storm in the early morning and they assumed we would cancel but we did not have the storm and were standing out on the course in brilliant sunshine wondering where they were! Many thanks to the members who helped and it was lovely to see so many FDRC members competing and in the ribbons

Here are the Results:

Class 1: 1st Debbie Harris, 2nd Lindsey Bootes, 3rd Susan Pattwell

Class 2: 1st Debbie Harris 2nd Linda Jermain 3rd Jenny Smith

Class 3:	1 st Jan Barlow	2 nd Kathryn Ovenden	3 rd Fran McCarten
Class 4:	1 st Kay Ford	2 nd Lynnette Marsh	3 rd Sarah Reed
Class 5:	1 st Lynnette Marsh	2 nd Jo Murrell	3 rd Sarah Reed

SOCIAL RIDES

Following the survey results it was apparent that you, our members, were not necessarily looking for more shows & big events but more low key events where you and your horse can get out but not always to compete but to meet other like minded people and their horses and social rides & talks were suggested. We are going to try and organise one each month if we can and suggestions for routes or starting places with enough parking for up to 6 boxes would be gratefully received. It is always interesting to hack somewhere different.

These rides are for FDRC Members only and can be over lanes, bridleways and if you have permission, private land. One riders routine hack can be another riders treat so if you feel you could host, organise one or suggest a route please let the committee know at faversham.rc@gmail.com These rides are a very good way to get to know other riding club members too.

GODMERSHAM SOCIAL RIDE at Godmersham Park on 28th August

This was our first social ride organised by Claire Stryzyk and took us on a route all around Godmersham Park by kind permission of Lamb Equestrian. What a route to start off our regular social rides! No road work at all just lovely grassy tracks and woodland paths with occasional spectacular views. We finished up with the opportunity to take a paddle in the Stour which some horses liked better than others. There were nine riders in total including Claire and all the horses behaved very well.



LEES COURT FARMS SOCIAL RIDE at Lees Court Farm on 25th September report by Ali Batt

On Saturday 25th September seven members met at Lees Court Estate for a social ride in the beautiful sunshine. We were split into two groups, based on what speed people wanted to do.

The faster group which consisted of Trec people followed a route mapped out by Liz Roberts. Liz led the other group which consisted of myself and Jane Elwell. The ride consisted of some road work and bridleways but mainly on the private land and woodland owned by the estate.

Our group unfortunately had to do a slight detour as we were due to go through the valley field which had cows in, but Liz's horse and the horse I was riding decided that they didn't like them! Liz quickly rerouted us and we got into the same field for a canter but a bit further up and we managed to miss the cows....yay!! Which the other group had successfully navigated!

It was a fantastic morning, with lovely friendly people and very well-behaved horses. Thank you, Liz, for escorting and allowing the riding club to ride around the beautiful estate. Looking forward to the next one in the new year!!

Indra's pic of fast group in Lees Court Valley
and Wendy's pic of them asking "Which Way Home?"



TREC FUN DAY at Kingsford Liveries, Stockbury on 19th September report by Sue Saunders

Despite the small number of riders the day was a great success with new partnerships having a go at TREC for the first time.

There was a good selection of obstacles making good use of the cross country course and some basic TREC old favourites. The control of paces once again proved more difficult that it appeared.

Well done to all those who took part and from the feed back they all had a great time and are already out doing more TREC, so hope they will be back when we run more events .

Eddie is very happy for us to run a full TREC form there so watch this space



Simon on Max Eloise on Wattage Chole on Henri Lauren on Bob Emma with Pye



DATES COMING UP -

HORSE AGILITY / TREC with Jo Carroll

on 10th October 2021 at Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XY.

A fun clinic for everyone - all ages, shapes and sizes of horses and riders welcome.

This clinic will help both horse and rider with confidence and socialisation; and can be done in-hand or under saddle. Will also help with spooky horses and teaching to them to cope with unusual sights and scenes.

Working in small groups (Max 5), you will be learning how to tackle challenges, ranging from crossing a tarpaulin and footbridge, and going through streamers, to negotiating complicated pole-based obstacles.

There will then be a small competition at the end of each group (fastest clear round wins)

£20 for Members & £25 for Non Members. Spectators £5

Current Covid Guidelines will be in place - and notifications of any changes emailed out to all those entered. Entry via [Clubentries.com/favershamrc](https://clubentries.com/favershamrc)

SOCIAL RIDE FROM ALKHAM VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECT ON OCT 31st

MEMBERS ONLY - Group of 6 riders (can possibly take two groups if enough interest)

The ride will be approximately 2 hours, along quiet lanes, bridleways and byways with views over Dover Castle. There will be steep hill to negotiate (both up and down).

Refreshments on return from Kim's Cafe based at AVCP and as AVCP is also a Connemara Stud, there will be the opportunity to see the stock if you want to on your return from the ride.

HiViz must be worn (ideally on both horse and rider).

READY TO RIDE FOR 11am please

£5 entry via www.clubentries.com

Directions:

What3words: glossed.cassettes.heat

In lorry/trailer the best route in is via Capel. Travel up to Capel and take the left onto Capel street near a post box. Stay on this road over the motorway. Straight over the small crossroad, round couple of bends, up the hill and AVCP is on the left. Directions can also be found on www.avcp.co.uk

FDRC COMPANION & FUN DOG SHOW on SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER In conjunction with INDOOR EQUINE BOOT FAIR

at KEMSLEY VILLAGE HALL, Ridham Avenue, Kemsley, Nr. Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2SF

Our annual indoor show for your other four legged friends.

This is a Kennel Club affiliated Companion Dog Show and Novelty show we welcome dogs of all shapes and sizes.

All classes £2.00 each paid on the day

Classes for Pedigree & Novelty each with their own Championship.

There will be refreshments & home made cakes on sale

Looking forward to seeing you there

SCHEDULE ATTACHED

INDOOR EQUINE BOOT FAIR in conjunction with DOG SHOW on 13th NOVEMBER

At Kemsley Village Hall

Book your table and bring along your unwanted tack, horse, human or canine kit to sell or just come along and browse the tables to pick up a bargain.

Tables are £5.00 can be booked via <https://clubentries.com/favershamrc/>
Tables available from 10.00 am onwards

Bring your dog too & join in the dog show. FLYER ATTACHED

NEW YEAR DOG WALK starting from Rose Cottage, Stelling Minnis on Jan 2nd

A chance to catch up with friends and members and walk off the excesses of the Christmas season
11am start from Rose Cottage, Minnis Lane, Stelling Minnis CT4 6BE.

Please park on the edge of the common opposite the cottage.
The walk will be over the common and neighbouring farmland.

Once back at Rose Cottage, there will be tea/coffee/mulled wine and light snacks.
Donations of £3 per person to help towards club funds - payable on the day.
Please RSVP by PM Elizabeth Roberts

Family and Friends are all welcome - and of course dogs!

Many more events in the pipeline – details yet to be confirmed - watch out for final plans for them on facebook, email or by post

Social Rides - October/November and restart monthly from end of January.

Hoofprints Treasure Hunt - running from Nov to Jan to give you all something to do with your horses.

Pole work clinics with Caroline Hadris

Showjumping clinics with Emma Handebeaux

Flatwork clinics with Emma Kinsley

Early December Dog Walk (TBC)

Talks and visits

Trec 10/10 (TBC 2022)

Area 10 Combined Training (TBC 2022)

Social at Denne Hill XC (Spring 2022)

Horse Agility (TBC 2022)

Remember that you can join now under the extended membership scheme which will give you membership for these winter months and for all of next year.
Please put forward any other ideas and offers of help organising & running events always welcome.

TEAM NEWS.

AREA 10 SUMMER DRESSAGE at Stilebridge on June 23rd report by Liz Roberts

Only two members came forward this year for the DTM qualifier. Debbie Harris riding her lovely Highland pony Mac, rode a foot perfect routine to Scottish themed music to win her prelim section and qualifying for the National Championships held in September at Bury Farm.

I took my relatively 'green' 9 year old mare to compete in the Novice (with BD points) sections. It was her first time at this venue and only her second freestyle and to boot we used new music. Simps

(Simply Jolene) was a little tense, but managed to hold it together to finish in third place, with only two marks between 1st and 3rd place. Subsequently we have qualified for the London and South East Championship where we have also been given a 'wild card' to compete in the Elementary music section. This event takes place on the 23rd October at Sands Farm in Sussex.

If any members are interested in giving this a go, please get in touch and I am sure we can help make it happen.

AREA 10 SHOW JUMPING QUALIFIER at Willow Farm on 17th July report by Liz Roberts

Only myself came forward to take part in the Area 10 SJ Qualifier – which could not have been any close to our club – being held on grass at Willow Farm, Faversham. The going was perfect, with weeks of on and off rain, the day of the event was hot... very hot... I think this came as a great shock to both horses and riders. The going was perfect with a flowing course and plenty of grass cover.

I took part in the 80 senior individual and the Style Jumping classes.

Again, Simps is a little arena green aka SPOOKY but with a flowing course we had two silly stops at fences – not due to the fence, but due to what was near the fence, either jumping towards the judge's box or near to spare poles – all things that took her attention away from me and then the jump came as a surprise! However, we went through to the second round which started as the same course but with four more additional fences and the course height went up to 85cm.

Simps was now feeling more confident in an arena she had already been in and flew around the course for an unlucky four faults when we rolled a pole coming in to an double.

The course and height stayed the same for the Style Jumping – I did have to read the rule book for this one as it had been at least 8 years since I last rode in the Style Jumping. This is marked on your rhythm around the course, style and approach and landing over fences and general correct jumping position. Before commencing your round, you need to show some trot and then a canter figure of eight with a change of leg before heading off to the first fence. Simps was rather confused by this and we fluffed our upwards transition on the change of leg by picking up the wrong canter lead. We then went on to complete a clear round. I was thrilled to then find we had come 2nd overall and as an individual we had qualified for the Championships in Lincolnshire.



I decided not to go to the Championships this year, for the sake of Simps who has only a handful of showjumping rounds under her belt, and not being the best of travellers/staying away from home, we felt that it was an awful long way for her to have stage fright in a big atmospheric arena.

Hopefully, over the winter/spring we will get out to a few more venues and stay away shows a little more local to give her some experience and fingers crossed we will qualify again next year.

Hopefully, we will be able to get together a team to take part in both the pure showjumping and also the style jumping.

TEAM EVENTS COMING UP

THE BRC CHRISTMAS CRACKER VIRTUAL DRESSAGE event is now available to enter click on the link to enter: <https://brc.bhs.org.uk> . The schedule and all details can at: <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-championships/brc-christmas-cracker>

AREA 10 WINTER SHOW JUMPING at Hadlow College on 17th October
FDRC only had one taker for this event – We wish Liz Roberts and Simps good luck on 17th **L&SE**

DTM Championship at Sands Farm on Oct 23rd.
Both Debbie Harris & Liz Roberts have qualified for this Championship – Congratulations to them both and we wish them good luck at the Championship.

AREA 10 WINTER NOVICE DRESSAGE - Date and Venue TBC - Battle/Moat View R.C.
AREA 10 INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE - Date and Venue TBC - Battle/Moat View R.C.
AREA 10 COMBINED TRAINING - April 2nd at Felbridge (TBC) **FDRC. to organise AREA 10 ARENA EVENTING AND ARENA CHALLENGE** - Date and Venue TBC

Each event will be created under the BRC Area 10 Facebook events section, to enable Team Managers and Members to keep up to date with that event.

Note: To represent the FDRC club you need to be a fully paid up member

Redhorse Dressage 2021 FDRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

Redhorse Dressage run a points system for FDRC members, which will run from February – January. When entering a competition at Redhorse Dressage, write on your entry form that you are a FDRC member & give your Membership Number. Points are awarded for places 1st – 10th and a rosette is presented at each show to the highest placed FDRC member on that day. Please contact Liz Roberts if you have any further questions - Check [Redhorse Dressage Website](#) for show dates. **Results will be announced and League Rosettes will be awarded at the AGM held in Feb 2022**

TRAINING & TRAINERS

Please see Website What's On page for training 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 detail sent contact Sally on 01622 851807

POLEWORK/GYMNASTICS FOR YOUR HORSE with CAROLINE HADRIS

at TRIPLE H EQUESTRIAN - held monthly - next date Nov 6th

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

SHOW JUMPING TRAINING with EMMA HANDEBEAUX (next two dates Nov 13th & Dec 4th)

at Chestnut Wood Stables, Scragged Oak Rd, Detling, ME14 3HL

10:00 AM - Small groups of three working within the height range of 50 to 70cm.

11:00 AM – Small groups of three working within the height range of 70cm-100cm

The sessions are aimed to improve you and your horse's confidence in showjumping, both courses and the other associated exercises involved in making jumping easier and fun.

Training sessions will vary from month to month, some focusing on the challenges we meet when jumping courses (dog legs, related distances, doubles etc), other sessions will be working on improving you and your horse's techniques over different fences (getting to and from a fence with the correct canter, grids and gymnastic exercises).

Emma is an enthusiastic trainer who gently encourages you to reach your goals. Chestnut Wood is easily accessible from the A249 at Detling, with plenty of parking and a large arena.

Cost: £15 Members £20 Non-Members Entry via www.clubentries.com/favershamrc

DRESSAGE CLINIC with EMMA KINSLEY (next dates Oct 24th, NOV 28th Jan 9th 2022)

Held at Breach Barn, Barham

One to One lessons

£40 for 45min session including arena hire.

Special offer to FDRC members - 4th session at £35.

If you are local to Faversham and have your own facilities, this offer can also be applied to your lessons at home (Discount of £5 for every 4th lesson)

Payment and booking is direct with Emma. via her Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/emma.kinsley.1428>

Emma is extremely knowledgeable, with the skills to explain what is required to improve your horse's way of going. She is successfully managing teams for the BD TEAM QUEST competitions, having had teams qualify for the Regionals and the Nationals over the past few years. Emma has a high understanding of equine biomechanics enabling her to work with you and your horse to improve both physical well-being and the way of going for your horse.

Working to improve your horse's suppleness and allowing your horse to work to its optimum.

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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FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB REGALIA

Sweatshirts - £22.50 Baseball Caps - £9.50

Polo Shirts - 19.50 Fleece - £26.50

Half Zip Fleece - £25.60

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 the club detail on the back.

Members usually purchase their own blue saddlecloths and these can be embroidered with the club name and your own name for £10.00 -

For all orders contact Lindsey Bootes (details above)