



FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 3 – SEPT 2022

A TRIBUTE by Lindsey Bootes

Such sad news on Thursday 8th September for the whole of the United Kingdom and a United World.

The equestrian community has lost its greatest patron. We all share the same emotions as the Queen, of what it is to love a horse.

As Paddington bear said himself 'Thank you ma'am, for everything'

We will be going ahead with our Social Ride on Sunday 11th Sept in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



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. Joy Loyla (Denstrude), Carol Stone (Hernhill), Paul Brisley (River) and Amy Jolley (Mersham).

Committee Change

Claire Stryzyk has decided to step down from the FDRC Committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to the running of the club for the last few years.

LOOKING BACK

HAVE A GO AT SIDESADDLE at Mockbeggar Farm on 12th June & 28th August **Report on June Session by Ali Martin**

As a child I would sometimes ride my pony around the farm, with my right leg over the left side like I was riding side saddle. So when I saw the club was putting on the chance to try side saddle, I jumped at the chance to have a go.

On the day Tiggi and I were met by Rebekah Marks-Hubbard who is a BHS Accredited Coach and SSA Instructor. She watched us ride in our normal saddle before fitting Tiggi out with the side saddle.

Just like normal saddles they come in different sizes. Luckily, Tiggi was the perfect shape, with a good amount of wither unlike Abi's Dan who unfortunately couldn't do it as he has very little wither. With the saddle on we went back into the arena and Rebekah said that I needed to get on like normal and then swing my right leg back over and rest it against the top pommel. Once in place Rebekah positioned me into the seat.



Ali & Tiggi

Under Rebekah's guidance and her walking with me we started to walk. It was a surreal experience, as I had it in my head I'd topple off! But with your weight in the right places you feel extremely secure.



Joy Loyla & Carat

As Tiggi was being so good about me hanging off one side, we went up to trot and then we got really brave and cantered. I could tell when I'd moved a tiny amount as I'd feel out of balance, but Rebekah was on hand to help me get in the right place before we'd go again.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Rebekah was a fantastic instructor who explained everything so well and was so encouraging.

When I saw we had another session booked in August, I put my name down straightaway, but sadly we had to withdraw as Tiggi had a sore from our lesson the day before. Hopefully, I can do the next one!

Thank you to Liz Roberts who organised the event and for letting the club use the facilities.

Report on August Sidesaddle Session by Tina Cobourn

Ruby, the ever so versatile pony, helped me out with a new challenge today - sidesaddle! She took it all in her stride, was very relaxed and tried her darnedest to keep me on board - except for a spook at an unwelcome, low flying pigeon! But even then we stayed together! I found cantering a challenge, and when I started to wobble, she came back down to trot which made me wobble even more!

Great fun, and something I am looking forward to trying again, I will master that canter 🙌

Both these sessions proved popular with our members – maybe some more dates will be coming along – watch this space.

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE – ASHENFIELDS on June 19th – report by Liz Roberts

We had a super Social Ride

The weather and ground were perfect, very few flies, warm but not too hot and the ground had some lovely 'give' to it. Originally, we had six members booked on but with various horse issues and rider illness, we dropped down to three. Myself, Jane Elwell and Carol Stone met at Ashenfields and met by Natalie Jenner who had arranged the venue for us to park at by the kind permission of Miranda Purvis.

We set off at around 4pm and rode some lovely quiet country lanes with magnificent views across the valleys behind Waltham. We arrived back at around 5.30pm.

Unfortunately, I forgot to take any photos as I had my hands a little full at times having taken young Thomas! Carol and Jane's horses behaved impeccably whilst Tom had a couple of tantrums or over gleeful moments.

SJ with JANINE LAMY at BREACH BARN on 29TH JUNE- Liz Roberts

Super weekday clinic with [Janine Lamy](#) at Breach Barn.

Sorry, not photos or video from me as I went solo...

Two groups of 3 and one individual session – enjoyed by all

We next plan to hold a XC day at Chilham with Janine (looking at August/September)

AREA 10 DTM at CROCKSTEAD on July 3rd

Two riders went to Crockstead to represent the FDRC. Liz Roberts with Simps and Debbie Harris with Mac. Debbie came a creditable 3rd in her class but Liz decided to retire as Simps had a spook or two.

Thank you both for waving the FDRC Flag.

AREA 10 DRESSAGE – 17th July

The Area 10 Dressage was cancelled due to extreme heat forecast on the weekend it was to be held. If BRC can't hold an event like this a result is achieved by holding a ballot of riders/teams entered and

Shannon Lunt and Tom were picked out of the hat and therefore qualified for the BRC British Championships. After a little thought they decided to go to the Championships even though Tom had only ever done a few Dressage Tests in his life. – Report on their visit to the Championships to come in later

HORSE AGILITY at MOCKBEGGAR FARM on Sunday 24th July

We have held several of these sessions over the years and as usual this one proved very popular. The 10 horses were divided into two groups who rode through, under, and over the various obstacles including water trays, ball pool, see-saw, road works, plastic strip door curtains. The weather got increasingly windy and the second group also had flying umbrellas & space hoppers flying about.

There was a competition held at the end of the session and rosettes given out at the end. Everyone who came had a good time and I think all the horses and ponies who attended met something they were not sure of and had by the end overcome their fears. This is what its all about really. Many thanks for Liz & Bev Horkan for hosting this event & Jo for her instruction.



FUN IN THE SUN at OTTERPOOL held on AUG 7th – Report by Veronica Crouch

The temp was 25C and it felt very hot at home but on getting to venue 1pm nearer the sea there was a lovely breeze so bearable.

Heather Stubbs greeted us and showed us where to park. There were 7 of us. We ended up in 2 groups of 3 and 4. Ali, Ann and Claire and Jane, Lisa Kim and me.

Once you get to woods 'START' is signposted and there are white flags to follow. There are 6 or so small logs that can be jumped early on or bypassed. The route then follows around the woods in shade and felt lovely and cool. There's a lake at the beginning and a fishing lake towards the end to hack past.

Once back at the start another route takes you around a lot of rustic knockdown pole jumps set at a height to suit everyone and hard ground, either cross pole or straight. Really fun whether you like to canter or just trot into them. Jane wasn't jumping so we split into 2's took it easy and didn't hare round.





We hadn't finished yet. You hack back along the track to the XC field which has assorted jumps of differing heights, a bank and growing owl hole. The ground was so hard I just did a select few and was so parched by then I was extremely glad to down an ice cold bottle of water supplied by Heather.

We washed off horses and put them back in trailers, grabbed our chairs and lunches and sat under a big shady tree to relax and natter.

All in all a lovely day but looking forward to going again once the ground is softer. Many thanks to Heather for organising this lovely day.

POR only TREC held on August 21st at Ivy Cottage, Whatsole Steet, Elmsted by Sally King

We started planning this POR (orienteering) only TREC event back in the early Spring. Sarah Reith



was our mainstay throughout, finding a host, planning and sorting out the routes, checking routes, contacting land owners, producing the schedule, clearing undergrowth and making sure we had sufficient helpers to run safely and efficiently.

Sarah was a dynamo despite not being in the best of health and sadly, and after all her hard work, could not join us on the day as she had to go in for an operation two days prior to the event. We would like to take this opportunity to send her all good wishes for a speedy recovery from the FDRC members.

Thank you to Sarah's other half Steve who did come on the

day and valiantly parked boxes, erected & dismantled tents and did the ever dreaded scoring, and to get the results out as soon as possible.

Chrissy Sutton (entries sec) and myself were involved from the get go and we have all spent many hours making sure it ran smoothly on the day while consuming rather a lot of coffee & cakes! Veronica & Richard Crouch very kindly offered us Ivy Cottage as a venue and allow us to take advantage of the spectacular hacking in the surrounding countryside We were very lucky to have Karen Ransley as our Traceur



We did have a slight issue with box parking but were kindly offered a suitable field for larger boxes by John Argar of Trinity Farm just 200m from the start field.

Many thanks to our lovely competitors who travelled from far and wide to join us at this event, both members and non-members. We are so glad you all enjoyed the day and found the 13.9 km route asked enough questions to be an interesting ride. We received some lovely comments & feedback which makes it all worthwhile.

The tea and cake on return from the ride proved very popular and raised a good sum for the local RDA. I have to say tea/coffee & cake seem to have featured in this event!!

Big thank you to all of the helpers who made it all happen Anne & Bob, Emma, Lindsey & Brian, Wendy, Jenny, Julie & Claire, Sue, Craig and especially our hosts Veronica (Day Secretary & tea/coffee provider) and Richard Crouch who worked hard to help with the route clearing, tent erecting & judging and put up with us taking over their property for the day.



Results can be found at <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/schedules-1>

COMING UP

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE from Frith Farm, Aldington TN25 7HH

on SUN 11th Sept by kind permission of Jon and Sam Webb Ready to ride at 11.00 am The ride will be an hour to hour and half.

The route will be on private farmland and woodlands. The ride is suitable for all levels and there will be very minimal road work.

Cost: £5.00 to book your place

Entry will be via www.clubentries.com/favershamrc

Contact : Ali Martin at batty2205@gmail.com

SUNDAY SEPT 18TH

We did put this date in our diary as a possible TREC event (tbc) either training or competition but we are sorry to say that time and circumstances have overtaken us and there will not be an event on this date. Hopefully next year. Apologies to anyone who had pencilled it into their diary.

LATE SUMMER SOCIAL – SEPTEMBER 24th..... And now for something a little different!!

STEAM TRAIN RIDE – WALK ON THE BEACH – LUNCH AT BRITANNIA - STEAM TRAIN TRIP OPEN TO MEMBERS, NON MEMBERS, DOGS & CHILDREN - More the Merrier!!

So.....the train will be departing from Hythe at 11.00am with an arrival time of 12.05pm getting into Dungeness.

Payment will be £22/£24 per person, return. Children 3-15 are £12 per child, return.

Dogs are free (must be kept on leads on the train).

There is free parking at the station, and also in nearby streets.

Upon arrival a nice stroll along the dog friendly beach and take in some of the unique, quirky properties that are dotted along the way.

The table is booked in The Britannia, currently for 10 people at 1.30pm (this can be changed according to uptake). Dogs are most welcome with free treats available on the bar:

I have attached the menu as some people may not wish to have fish and chips - myself and Tony can personally vouch for the very tasty fish finger sandwich, and also the half a pint of prawns.

Vegan options are also on offer and all dietary requirements can be catered for, please do let me know. Take a look at the Menu at <https://www.britanniadungeness.co.uk/.../britannia...>

The train will leave Dungeness at 3.30pm, with an arrival time back into Hythe of 4.40pm..

Payment will need to be made on the day, however, if you could let us know if you wish to join our merry band please contact Heather Stubbs at maddieandmegan123@gmail.com or on 07767422435 and let her know your name & number of people coming

Any questions, please do text, call ,message me on 07767 422435.

Fingers crossed the weather continues to remain relatively warm for us and we may be able to dine Al Fresco:)

SHOW JUMPING CLINIC with KATY FORD on Saturday 8th October

at Bigberry Farm, Bigbury Rd, Canterbury CT4 7ND **Please note change of venue ****

Jumping clinic with Katy Ford who is an Accredited BS UKCC Level 3 show jumping coach. Katy coaches the Kent Junior BS team who have been very successful this year and is a very successful show jumper herself.

Katy is extremely knowledgeable and sympathetic in her teaching.

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

Group 1 up to 75cm

Group 2 75cm and over.

To be held in the 60 x 30 outside arena.

Cost :-

£20 for members and £25 for non-members.

Places can be booked through our club entries site:-

<https://clubentries.com/favershamrc/indexa.php>

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE from GOSMERE FARM, SHELDWICH, ME13 9 QT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022 AT 10:30 AM – 1 PM

Members Only Social Ride Gosmere Farm, Lees Court Estate and taking in Perry Woods

Meet from 10.00am, ready to ride at 10.30am.

The ride will be an hour and half to two hours

The route will be on lanes and bridleways and is suitable for all levels.

Cost £5.

Entry via [Clubentries.com/favershamrc](https://clubentries.com/favershamrc)

Please bring equipment to clear up after your horse.

FDRC ANNUAL COMPANION & FUN DOG SHOW – NOVEMBER 12th

Kemsley Village Hall, Ridham Avenue, Kemsley, Nr. Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2SF

Bring your smaller four-legged friends along for a fun day out – over 20 classes for all types, shapes & sizes of dog from pedigree to Heinz 57.

Rosettes to 6th in all classes and a Pedigree & a Novelty Championship with challenge cups to the winners. .

Refreshments available plus Bring & Buy of Horse & Dog equipment – bring anything you wish to sell.

Schedule attached.

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

BRC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – Report by Shannon Lunt 🏆 waving the flag for FDRC.



British Riding Club National Championships!!
What a weekend!

Tom, Ellie Papps and I went on a road trip over 400miles on the whole!
Up to Lincoln, we drove for the BRC National Championships that Tom and I had qualified for.

It was a weekend of learning, Tom settled in really well Friday night, Ellie and I had a delicious dinner and a good night's rest! Saturday morning there was already



excitement in the air. After Tom had his breakfast, we then rode round the show grounds to try and soak in the atmosphere, there were some squeals and handstands on Tom's part! 😂

After a mid-morning snooze for Tom, it was our turn to ride down the centre line. He warmed up so well, so very grown up, considering we were on grass and a open field, full of horses. Feeling quietly confident that Tom would strut his stuff, I got swiftly brought back down to earth, when Tom, bless him, decided to

at very quiet, calm venues and that he has only just turned 6!

He went very green, so I had to change tack ticks and instead of going out and powering through the test, I nursed him round and tried to give him the confidence he needed to get the job done!



We came home with a score of 65%, which I was pleasantly surprised with all things considered, proving that with time, he will be a super dressage pony! We are all home safe and sound after two very long days!

A huge thank you to Ellie for your help, time and company!

Thank you to Elizabeth for letting me have the ride on your beautiful little rescue cob (who would have thought he was a scruffy, tiny, wild pony, when looking at him now) ❤️

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.

Winter SJ 16/10/2022 Hadlow

70/80/90/100/110cm. Novice & Intermediate - Teams and Individual. Snr & Jnr

SCHEDULE ATTACHED – Contact Angy Spoor if you would like to ride at this event at Angyspoor@aol.com

AREA 10 Arena Eventing on 29th October 22 at Paris Arena, Brighton

Please contact Ali Martin if you would like to ride at this event at batty2205@gmail.com

SCHEDULE ATTACHED

Winter Novice Dressage 10/12/2022 at Felbridge Show Ground

Intro C, Prelim 7&12 and Novice 24 &27. Teams / Individual. Jnr/ Snr

Winter Intermediate Dressage TBC Prelim 18, Novice 28&30 and Ele 42 (Snr). Prelim 14&18, Novice 28&30 (Jnr) Teams and Individual. Med 63/Ad 90 Med individual. Jnr and Snr

Winter Intro Dressage TBC Intro A&B, Prelim 1&2, Pairs Intro BRC Pairs 1. Teams /Individual.

Snr/Jnr

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

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

MIDWEEK CLINICS WITH JANINE LAMY at BREACH BARN, ELHAM CT4 6LN

After some requests for mid week events we have organised some SJ clinics at Breach Barn Elham CT4 6LN with Janine Lamy as our trainer .

Some of us already train with Janine who is excellent in all 3 main disciplines, and is also a Centre 10 coach so can help with training your brain too .

Her sessions are always fun and you will come away having learned a lot with plenty to think about and practice.

These clinics are suitable for ANY level and Breach Barn is a fabulous venue – the school is huge - 45 x 90 with an excellent Andrew Bowen surface, there is plenty of good hard standing for parking and easy road access [approx 10 mins from A2 through Barham]

We hope to run from approx. 10.30 till 2.30, and you can book private [£50] or group sessions of 2 / 3 / 4 riders [£40 / £35/£30 all inclusive of arena hire] on <https://clubentries.com/favershamrc>

Length of lesson depends on number of riders 40 - 60mins

If you want a shared lesson please try to find someone suitable or comment on Facebook post to find someone to share with? Non-members of FDRC welcome [they pay a slightly higher rate]

If you are interested in these clinics please contact wendy.neath@btinternet.com

POLEWORK/GYMNASTICS FOR YOUR HORSE with CAROLINE HADRIS

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

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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 rode on Pony European Teams in Stockholm and has competed various horses through the

levels up to Inter 11 including Regionals and National Championships. More recently, Emma has successfully managed both U21 and Senior BD Quest teams, having had teams qualify for the Quest Regionals and Nationals with the U21 Team becoming National Champions in 2021.

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

BHS and BRC Flu Vaccination Shortage Statement – 7.9.2022

The equestrian world is in the midst of an unprecedented equine influenza vaccination shortage which has been caused by supply chain issues with one of the major vaccine manufacturers. There are simply not enough doses available to meet the demand of the equestrian population.

Action must be taken now to preserve doses to protect those equines most at risk from influenza, until more doses of the vaccine are produced, and availability once again meets demand.

As such, The British Horse Society (incorporating British Riding Clubs), will be acting on scientific advice from BEVA and the BEF with regard to flu vaccination guidance for horse owners and riding school proprietors.

This will also impact the mandatory regulations for BRC members attending qualifiers and/or championships.

From 1 September and for the duration of the shortage, the BHS and BRC will be allowing a 15-month interval instead of the usual 12 months for the annual booster vaccination. This 15-month booster must be followed by another booster, no more than 9 months later. Essentially still ensuring 2 annual boosters are given in a 24-month period.

Vets should stamp the passport of the horse to indicate that the delay in the booster was due to the vaccination shortage. This will act as dispensation for future BHS and BRC competitions and ensure that the vaccination schedule does not need to be re-started.

Further communication will be released as and when the situation changes and an end date will be communicated in good time once it becomes available.

For any BRC queries please email jennie.pallett@bhs.org.uk

For BHS queries please email welfare@bhs.org.uk or call 02476 840517

CLUB REGALIA

We are arranging for a new supplier to provide a new online shop for you to be able to purchase Faversham & District RC regalia from Hats to Hoodies as well as sew on patches for saddle cloths and your own clothing. We hope you like our choice of garments and colours. More news of this coming soon. The new regalia will feature our updated logo which you may have spotted on the first page of this newsletter or on emails.

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