



FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 3 – SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS by Sally King – Membership Sec

A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Members we look forward to meeting you all soon at an FDRC Event. Anita Adams (Folkestone), Lilly May Harrison (Teynham), Gemma Anderson (Newington), Samantha Ottaway (Headcorn), Tish Miles (Yorkletts), Ellie Heath (Ashford), Delia Cooper (Faversham), Lisa Matthews (Egerton) and Kali Smith (Faversham).

Over the last few years we have had quite low membership numbers especially over lock down but this year, I am pleased to report our membership figures have taken off. Last year numbers rallied and the committee decided that if we got to 100 we would give our 100th Member a surprise prize but we did not make it in 2022 but this year we are now at 107 & counting.



I am pleased to say that our 100th Member was Tish Mills and is pictured here wearing her surprise prize of a FDRC Baseball Cap, Tish also received a large FDRC saddlecloth badge.

IMPORTANT - PASSPORTS AT QUALIFIERS & CHAMPS – by JO COCKER for BRC Area 10

PLEASE REMEMBER to take to your horse's Passport with you to the competition where you must show it to the show secretary for checking when you arrive.

We are getting increased incidents of people forgetting their passports.

It is a legal requirement to travel your horse with its passport to an event.

You will be eliminated if we cannot check your passport on the day SO DO NOT FORGET

Hats need the new pink tag on. PC/BE/Trec are all pink so are ok too. Old aqua ones need replacing.

On Jan 1st 2024 **Body Protectors** with the purple 2000 label will no longer be accepted, you will have to have either the 2009 or 2018 label. For full details on [BRC Information sheet](#)

LOOKING BACK

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE on June 25th organised by Veronica Crouch Report by Veronica Crouch

We only had Jan & Sharon entered for this social ride mainly due, I think, to the high temperatures forecast for the day and a few members who had lame horses at the time. Such a pity as the hacking round Elmsted is lovely. We moved the start forward as horseflies are a problem from 10.30am so settled on 8.30am arrive here. That unfortunately, meant Jan couldn't make it.

Sharon & I rode a nice route including Bavinge and it was only in the last half hour where we were ravaged by horse flies when we were nearly back.

Once back at Ivy Cottage we had bacon sandwiches and cold drinks in the field with the horses in shade. Sharon didn't want to leave even after an hour of relaxing to face the journey home!



FRDC RIDING CLUB RALLY DAY - A ONE DAY CAMP on 15th July 2023 – report Sally King Cobbes Meadow RDA Centre

Sarah Reith had the idea for this one day camp and was our prime mover in getting it off the ground assisted by myself & Chrissy Sutton. The planning of the day centred round consuming lots of coffee & cake!

We were very pleased to have the use of Cobbes Meadow RDA Centre in Chartham which provided us with copious hard standing for parking, an indoor & an outdoor school plus kitchen for hot drinks, snacks & lunch – everything we needed really.



Each rider could opt for three ridden activities Drill Riding and Polework in the morning and then in the afternoon a choice of either Improve Your Dressage Score or TREC Obstacles & COP training. In the middle of the day the horses enjoyed a rest & a haynet, there was a demonstration of Long Reining. The final section was a talk on Orienteering and an on the foot practice session but due to the deteriorating weather it turned into a brain storming session indoors on choosing & plan a route for a TREC Orienting competition.



We had 7 riders after a couple had to withdraw and were all set for the off when the wind & weather warnings came – we decided to press on and in fact the site was sheltered and apart from one brief shower the weather was very kind to us and only really started to blow as we were packing up.



We would like to say a huge thank you to our instructors for the day.

Wendy Neath (Drill Riding) – It was amazing to see four horses who did not know each other at all, produce a slick formation ride to music within an hour. Maybe some pairs DTM candidates in the making??

Julie Salt (Polework) – Jullie's grids got everyone working & thinking, planning their track through the grid to place their horse at the centre of the next pole while gaining uplift in their horse's gait.

Louise Edwards (Improve Your Dressage Score) Louise worked on the basic principles of Dressage, including responsiveness to the leg, by asking the horse to move away from it and suppleness and bend, through the neck, encouraging the horse to accept the Riders hand and bend to the inside.

Kate Spillett (Long-reining Demo) Kate stole all our hearts with her two little ponies Jack & Bruno giving a very interesting talk on how to and why long reining can help both you and your horse.

Also many thanks to **Gillian Ransome** who came to help us on the day.

We had a cake stall in aid of the RDA which raised very £74.00 including a donation from Wendy of her instructor's fee.

We had some lovely comments from the riders which were much appreciated and there were a lot of smiley faces. Everyone seemed to have gained something from each of their sessions which was our aim.

MEMBERS SOCIAL RIDE from CROCKSHARD FARM, WINGHAM on 25th July

Club member Philippa Ballerio organised and hosted the July Members Social Ride from Crockshard Farm, near Wingham. There were five takers on this ride round the bridleways & lanes round Wingham & Goodnestone The weather was good and this ride had an extra attraction – a pub stop halfway round at The Griffin's head at Chillenden.

After the ride Philippa commented in Facebook – “Thanks to everyone who came for the social ride to the pub today, it was fabulous to have such good company! The Griff was very accommodating to us in the car park and the bring and share food afterwards was amazing - Thank-you all so much”



Do you have a ride you could share with other members with off road parking for six or so boxes?? You local “round the block” ride might be someone else’s dream ride! Just a change of view is good incentive to box up & go out. Let us (the committee) know and we can help you organise it. These Social Hacks for Members have proved so popular we are always looking for new venues.



WORKING EQUESTRIAN CLINIC at MOCKBEGGAR FARM, RHODES MINNIS on AUG 19th



This introduction to the lesser known horse discipline of Working Equestrian by Sarah Brown was very interesting. **Working Equitation** comprises 3 phases - Dressage, Ease of Handling, Speed and at International level, cattle penning! No cows at Mockbeggar – phew!! **The dressage phase** is much like that of a normal dressage test although some of the movements are performed slightly differently.

The ease of handling test consists of a course of obstacles, replicating those that may be found when riding in the countryside. For example, a gate, a bridge and a log jump. **The speed test** involves some or all of the same obstacles against the clock.

Seven riders signed up to give the discipline a go. Sarah explained what they had to do for the different sections and had a course of the most usual obstacles for the riders tackle and explained the rules for each one. The riders were split into two groups and both groups had a go at all the obstacles which included a gate, a pen (in which you have to visualise a bull in the centre), Ring the Bell, Slalom and Lance the Ring.

Shannon Lunt organised the day & took part on Tom – Copious tea/coffee & biscuits for all who attended even just to watch. Everyone had a go at everything and as the horses got used to the equipment **A second session of this discipline is on 10th Sept**



HAVE A GO AT WESTERN RIDING at MOCKBEGGAR FARM, RHODES MINNIS on AUG 28th

What an amazing day at The ‘Have a go at Western’ in aid of Matty Horkan and JoeWild. A big thank you to Jan Gay who came up with the idea and donated her fee to the fund for Matty Horkan and JoeWild. We were treated to a display at Lunch to a trained western horse demo which showed us all what we were working towards. Everyone had a go at lassoing, and some managed to ride in a western saddle. Thank you to everyone who helped with the BBQ and the rain just about held off. Videos below of the demo horse (Toni Britton) can be seen on our FaceBook Page Thank you also to Bev Horkan for opening up her house and home and for BBQ

MEMBERS ONLY SOCIAL RIDE from SYNDALE FARM, OSPRINGE on AUGUST 28th

Four members came along to this really lovely hack round 13km of mainly farmland with a couple of lanes. We rode over grassy fields & tracks, stubble and orchards.

We did a lot in walk and trot but did have a couple of canters and the ground was just perfect. The weather was good too and the views out over the Swale & over Syndale Valley on our way back at were stunning.

Many thanks to Vicky Clinch who hosted and led the ride over her home farm & adjoining farms . It took 2 hours to complete the ride and another hour to eat all the goodies everyone had bought along!



COMING UP

MEMBERS & FRIENDS SOCIAL EVENING AT BIGBERRY FARM XC COURSE on FRIDAY SEPT 1st 2023 Meeting from 5.30pm. to 7.30-8.00pm

A social evening at Bigberry Farm XC Course 5.30pm to 7.30-8.00pm

Open to members and friends of members.

Riders will be able to use the cross country course or simply hack around the course.

Body protectors must be worn!

Entry Fee: £15.00 (Members) £20.00 (Non-Members)

Entries in advance [via My Riding Life](#)

£3.00 charge if paying by BACS

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

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

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

HAVE A GO AT SIDESADDLE at Breach Barn EC, Barham on 16th September

Have a go at side saddle and 'next steps' (for those who have already 'had a go') with Rebekah Marks-Hubbard, BHS Accredited Coach, SSA Instructor.

or

Have a go at side saddle... if you have wanted to try this marvellous art of riding, bring your horse and astride tack to Breach Barn for one to one instruction. Each session will last approx 45 - 1 hour and will include the correct fitting of a side saddle (supplied on the day) to your horse, then you get on and try it under the watchful eye of Rebekah.

For those who attended the previous sessions, Rebekah will be able to work with you on moving on with your horse. The saddle will again be fitted and further instruction on how to improve.

Bring friends and cameras for this excellent opportunity to see if you enjoy this wonderful elegant way of riding.

You will need to be wearing a fitted riding hat to current BRC standard, riding gloves, and long boots without buckles, (in addition to your regular riding wear).

The charge is £40 Members of FDRC and £45 for non members.

Entries in advance [via My Riding Life](#)

NEW NEW NEW – FDRC WINE & WISDOM at THE GEORGE INN, LEEDS on Sat 28th OCTOBER

The George Inn, Lower St, Leeds, Maidstone ME17 1RN

A fun and social evening with other FDRC Members plus friends & relations. Our last Wine & Wisdom was before lockdown and we thought that this year might be the time to have another.

You can book as a team or individually. We email details round as soon as entries open.

Cost £10.00 per person which includes a Buffet Supper (please let us know if you have any dietary requirements)

Drinks available from the bar.

Open to all - **More details soon**

TEAM & LEAGUES NEWS.

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.

See committee List to see Team Managers details.

Redhorse Dressage 2023 FDRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

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

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

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

INTRO DRESSAGE & DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER held at Cobham EC on JUNE 11th

The following riders represented Faversham & District at the DTM & Intro Dressage:

Below are the times and test details for our riders

Abi Martin (P1 & P2)

Debbie Harris (Prelim DTM)

Wendy Neath (Novice DTM)

Liz Roberts (Elementary DTM & Medium DTM)

We are very pleased to announce that Liz Roberts and Abi Martin have both qualified for the Championship to be held at Bury Farm on 28th September to 1st October.

JUMPING TEAM REPORT by SHANNON LUNT (SJ TEAM MANAGER)

Hadlow:

25th June, we had a senior team and a junior off to Hadlow for Show Jumping and a Style class, it was a very hot day, the horses definitely felt the heat! Unfortunately, Abi Martin's Tiggi wasn't feeling well and decided to withdraw. Our Junior, Layla, did great and came home with a 3rd in the 70cm and 5th in the 80cm junior classes as an individual.

Our senior team came 4th in the 80cm which consisted of Elizabeth Roberts, Rosie Ochs and Sarah Mileham. Rosie Ochs came 2nd in the 75cm and Elizabeth Roberts came 6th in the 85cm.

Kent County:

8th July, we sent a team to Kent County into the 95cm class, the sun was shining and after a bit of drama about getting into the venue, the team arrived, raring to go! Sarah Mileham, Ocean-Rose Spice and Ellie Lord, did beautiful rounds and learned a lot from it! It was lovely preparation for Hickstead.

Area 10 Horse Trials At Lodge Farm:

16th July, Four riders went to Lodge Farm for the 70am Area 10 Horse Trails, Kim Leney, Philippa Ballerio, Sue Heatlie-Elliott and Lindsey Bootes. It was a very influential cross country course with only 40% of the whole class completing all three phases. We were very proud of our team and I hope the event inspired our riders to continue eventing, so that we can have more teams for next year!

Hickstead:

30th July, A lovely day at the Royal International at Hickstead in the BRC Teams of Three Competition. It wasn't our day as a team but it was a very educational day for everyone. Well done to Georgia Whiskin, who jumped around the 85cm, Sarah Mileham the 95cm and Ocean-Rose Spice the 1.05m. There is lots to work on but we definitely have some exciting combinations for the future.

TEAM CALLOUT

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

Shannon Lunt – shanm.95@gmail.com

Schedules can be found on the Website or FaceBook page.

Area Qualifier dates for diary:

If you are interested in representing the Club please let the relevant team manager know.

15th October - Area 10 Winter Showjumping qualifier at Hadlow College. 70-105cm classes – Team Manager [Shannon Lunt](#).

21st October - Area 10 Novice Winter Dressage qualifier at Golden Cross
Team Manager [Elizabeth Roberts](#)

19th November - Area 10 Intermediate Winter Dressage qualifier at Golden Cross
Team Manager: [Elizabeth Roberts](#)

Date TBC: Dressage to Music and Introductory Dressage

Team Manager [Elizabeth Roberts](#)

Schedules to follow when released on FaceBook

If you are interested in representing the Club, please let the relevant team manager know.

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

CROSS COUNTRY CLINICS with CLAIRE STRYZYK at CHILHAM CASTLE PARK

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged cross country training with Claire Stryzyk at Chilham Park.

Next dates 17th September & 14th October (weather permitting) – more dates to follow

Claire is a BHSI 5 Performance Coach and Chief Instructor for the East Kent Pony Club

The clinic will last for 90 minutes and will be split into two groups:-

Under 80cm and Over 80cm

The price includes course hire.

Body protectors **must** be worn

It is recommended that on XC Clinics you bring someone with you on foot to assist in the event of a rider fall.

Members £45 Non-Members £50

Places can be booked through [My Riding Life](#)

Dates & entry details can be found on [Whats On page of FDRC Website](#)

SHOW JUMPING CLINICS with KATY FORD at DRAYHORSE ARENA, CHALLOCK

These sessions with Katy Ford who is an Accredited BS UKCC Level 3 show jumping coach.

Katy is extremely knowledgeable and sympathetic in her teaching are very popular.

Held at Drayhorse in the 60 x 40m arena

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

Group 1 - X poles to 50/60cm

Group 2 - 60/70 cm

Group 3 - 75/80cm,

Group 4 - 80cm and over.

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

These clinics are proving to be very popular.

POLEWORK SESSIONS with CLAIRE STRYZK AT COBBE'S MEADOW RDA CENTRE, CHARTHAM

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Claire is a BHSI stage 5 Performance Coach and BD list 5 Judge and a knowledgeable experienced instructor happy to help riders and horses at all levels from grassroots up. Clarie runs a well thought out lesson working both you and horse carefully towards the last exercise which puts all you have done together into one exercise. Claire is a preceptive and sympathetic instructor.

Members £20 ,

Non-Members £25

Max of 4 per group

Dates & entry details can be found on [Whats On page of FDRC Website](#)

Booking via [My Riding Life](#)



CLUB REGALIA

You can order a Hoodie, Polo Shirt, Sleeveless T-Shirt, a Cap and a Bobble Hat. The front embroidery is included in the price and for an extra sum you can have the back embroidered with the larger motif as well. To order go to: <https://www.jbembroidery.co.uk/embroidered-faversham-district-riding-club.html#/>

We also offer self sew patches which come in two sizes:

8cm for sewing onto your own clothing at £7.00

11cm for attaching to saddle cloth at £8.00

Useful if riding for the club teams.

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



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