



FDRC NEWSLETTER

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Hello

What a strange time we have had since the last Newsletter went out in March when we were feeling very optimistic about our 2020 programme. We do hope that you have all got through the past months unscathed. At least riding itself was not banned and those of us lucky enough to be able to were still able to hack out. Sorry this Newsletter is a little late but CV19 regulations kept changing.

The CV19 has had a dramatic effect on the BRC & local horse calendar with major events cancelled as well as small ones. We are receiving updates from the BRC office regularly and as of now training is back on the menu with restrictions on numbers attending and instructions on social distancing, sterilising surfaces etc etc. As you will see there is some new training on offer plus some other events.

We had to cancel our Versatile TREC Horse Event at Willow Farm in July as there was getting less and less time to organise it even if we were allowed to run it but some of our events planned for the last few months will hopefully be go ahead later in the year or next year. Watch this space!

To find out the latest BRC guidelines please go to: <http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/news>

NEW MEMBERS:

A big warm FDRC Welcome to our newest Members: Victoria Hayler (Stelling Minnis) and Madeleine Oliver (Challock) & Sarah Reed (Blean) - we look forward to meeting you all soon at an FDRC Event.

COMING UP

POLEWORK & SJ TRAINING at Chestnut wood Stables, Scragged Oak Rd, Detling, ME14 3HL

As we ease out of lockdown and start riding again, we have organised some sessions with Emma Handebeaux. Emma is a well respected local instructor who has been associated with the FDRC for many years. We have already had two of these lessons and they were well attended if enough interest we will organise more. This purpose built yard has a lovely open 60x35m fibre sand arena, new set of show jumps, plans are also ahead to develop a show jumping grass arena which is particularly useful for those who compete on grass. There is plenty of hard parking with easy access off the A249.

Sessions can be either individual, pairs or small groups of three or four.

The first session will be pole work based

Starting at 2pm on 20th June, 4th July, 18th July

Cost, individual £35 Pairs £18 each Group of three/four £15 each

Please contact Liz Roberts to book a place or to find out more and payment will be via club entries website (Must be paid on booking space)

XC TRAINING AT LOCKSKINNERS with JANINE LAMY – We arranged this for 5th April but due to Coronavirus Lockdown we had to cancel – Please contact Liz Roberts if you are interested in taking up training with Janine at Lockskinner or another XC venue and we look in to the various options - we will update you as soon as it is arranged. Janine has a long established background in the training of young event horses she is also very popular for show-jump instruction and cross-country schooling.

Group of four riders - £20 each plus course hire (£17.50)

(If you would prefer an individual lesson or a pairs lesson with Janine please contact me directly as this can be arranged)

Group session will last approx 1hr but may over run slightly if an 'issue' has to be worked through.

Lockskinners Course hire is £17.50 for Riding Club Members and is payable on the day. Disclaimer must also be signed on arrival. Fences at **Lockskinners North** range from 40 to 100cm

Please message Liz to pre-book your place on this training course. Payment for Janine is via Club Entries (see link below) and needs to be paid before the lesson.

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

Lockskinners course hire fee to be paid on the day.

[SOCIALIALLY DISTANCED HACK from MOCKBEGGAR FARM CT4 6XY on Saturday 1st August](#)

You will be allocated in small groups (Max 5) and given a map and some written directions.

The hack will be predominantly on quiet lanes (one busier road to cross and crossing through Elham Village) and bridleways. It will be approximately 1.5 - 2 hours (around 6 miles). If you would prefer to ride just as pairs or even on your own, please let me know. Please let me know if you have preferences as to who you would like to ride with and any other information which will help in putting groups together (I.e. horse likes being in front or behind, no preference etc).

Each Group will be allocated a time, which will be 15/20mins apart, so you should not catch up with the group in front. First group will leave at 2pm.

The directions and map will also show areas which are good for trotting and cantering and areas to be cautious.

One rider in each group will be allocated as group leader and the pace will be set to the slowest horse/rider combination.

ALL horses attending must have some experience of being on the road and seeing normal road traffic. Harvest will be in full swing and hack has been designed to try to avoid main harvest areas but this can not be guaranteed. We will drive the route in the morning and some changes to route will be made if we see areas which may mean encountering a large number of agricultural vehicles.

Only £5/per horse to go to FDRC to help raise funds due to not having any competitions this year.

Cold refreshments on your return, and plenty of space and time to distantly sit and chat to fellow members.

If you have a map case, it would worth bringing it. A Mobile phone must be carried by at least one of the riders in each group and emergency number will be written on the map/directions. HiViz must be worn by every rider and ideally some hiviz on your horse (horse hiviz is not compulsory).

Please note NO TOILET FACILITIES at Mockbeggar Farm.

BRC Covid regulations must be adhered to and these will be sent out nearer the time.

[POLEWORK CLINIC on Sunday August 16th with at Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis CT4 6XY.](#)

1hr Group lesson with Claire Stryzck (max number 4 per group).

All poles/cones - some poles may be raised.

BRC Covid guidelines to be adhered too (will be emailed out to individuals)

£10 members. £12 non members.

More dates soon if it proves popular

Entry via <https://clubentries.com/favershamrc/index.php>

For more details contact Liz Roberts at e.r.deen-sly@talk21.com or on 07813880373

FULL WEEKEND CLINIC on AUGUST 29th/30th
at Hogs Green Farm, Sandling Road, Hythe, Kent CT21 4HG

This started off as a Summer Camp with all the social side of a weekend away but due to the CV19 regulations, will have to be run under a new format. There will now be **no overnight stay** and it will be run on two consecutive days with participants returning home at the end of each day. Due to CV19 we will have to restrict numbers who will be working in groups of 5.

THIS IS FOR FDRC MEMBERS ONLY - All abilities of horse & rider will be catered for.
The instructors for both days will be Rupert Garnsey, Mally Spens and Hannah from Hogs Green.

>Each morning there will be lessons in groups of 5 flatwork / polework / jumping

>Break for lunch

>Each afternoon there will be a “group activity” X/C / Canter Track / Hack or similar activity

>On each day they will be a talk or demonstration scheduled (see below)

Please bring your own food & drinks, chair etc. We might be able to offer hot drinks but will depend on the lockdown measures in place by the end of August. There are toilet facilities available.

You can come for both days or just one



The talks or demonstrations each day will be on one of the following or similar subjects

- Physiotherapy and how a riders position will affect the horses way of going
- Rider pilates - everyone can join in
- Bitting advice
- Ridden dressage demonstration
- Racing talk including an equiciser that everyone can have a go on

Cost: £80.00 per day or £150 if you are doing both days

This is payable prior to the camp via clubentries.com/favershamrc/ if do not have internet please send a cheque made out to **Faversham & District Riding Club** and posted to Sue Saunders.

We need to have enough people attending each day to make this work so please **let Sue Saunders know if you intend to come as we have to make sure there is enough interest before proceeding. You can contact Sue on 07980 278965 or at s.saunders123.saunders@btinternet.com**

OTHER EVENTS WE WOULD LIKE TO RUN IN SOME FORMAT IF LOCKDOWN ALLOWS:

FUN TREC DAY– Mockbeggar Farm, Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XY

We had to cancel our VTH Competition in July but hope to replace it with a Mini version of Fun TREC & Training day with a short map-reading hack included. More details when if & when organised

CLEAR ROUND SHOWJUMPING

Evening or Weekend Clear Round Showjumping at Mockbeggar, and a glass of wine before or after! Fun and relaxed clear around at Mockbeggar – no pressure event, come and play and if you want help it will be there...If preference is to jump on grass this can also be arranged.

PLEASE KEEP WATCH ON THE FDRC FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS & DATES for the above. Details will be posted to those without email addresses.

WE HAVE MORE IDEAS IN THE PIPELINE FOR 2020/21 – CV19 RULES PERMITTING ... our diary is always evolving - please keep a look out for extra events & dates which will appear on our website & facebook page plus being emailed round – posted to those who do not give us email addresses
Please contact us if you have a suggestion of something we could run or if you would like to help organise or run an event – please step forward!!

LOOKING BACK:

LOCKDOWN PHOTO SHOW

This proved a popular thing to do and attracted good entries. We ran in aid of The Lord Whisky Sanctuary as it was a local Charity who has had its income severely curtailed by Covid 19. I am pleased to say that we are sending them the sum of £100.00 from the Photo show – Thank you to everyone who took part.

A big thank you to Jen Baldwin and Jo & Mark Izzard our judges for the competition

The Winners were:

Class 1 – Liz Roberts
Class 2a – Brenda Ladley
Class 2b – Sally King
Class 3 – Sally King
Class 4a – Abi Martin
Class 6 – Simon Rake
Class 7 – Debbie Harris
Class 8 – Sarah Oliver
Class 10 – Claire Stryzyk

Class 11 – Sarah Oliver
Class 12 – Sally King
Class 13 – Liz Roberts
Class 15 – Liz Roberts
Class 16 – Abi Martin
Class 17 – Sarah Oliver
Class 18 – Claire Stryzyk

Champion – Liz Roberts & Simply Jolene
Reserve Champion – Alicia Martin & Ten

COVID 19 TREASURE HUNT

A good number of members entered the Treasure Hunt and Ali Ruck was our winner and here are a couple of her photos for Item 10 the most unusual thing you saw on your ride & Item 8 an unusual house name.



SUE'S KENTISH QUIZ

Again a good entry – Sally & Craig King were the overall winners getting all of the questions correct.

The Answers were:

1. Once there were seven – Sevenoaks
2. A hard young lady – Maidstone
3. A stepping out horse goes underground – Canterbury
4. Similar to a lobster in a river – Crayford
5. A false young lady – Harrietsham
6. A village not sure what it is – Wye
7. Change a letter to be a hover – Dover
8. Life's finish – Gravesend
9. Embers and a river feature – Ashford
10. These two places make a snack – Ham & Sandwich
11. Add two letters to a pain free condition, and an inlet of the sea – Herne Bay
12. House for a horse & a bank holiday –

Whitstable

13. A pocket full – Rye
14. Mum's entrance – Magate
15. 10cwt and a span – Tonbridge
16. Begin a game of cards – Deal
17. Saint with expensive pottery – St Nicholas at Wade
18. Monach goes below – Kingsdown
19. Wide steps – Broadstairs
20. Water more briny – Seasalter
21. Cold Meat – Chillham
22. Bread roll for infant - Bapchild
23. Burnt on the grill – Charing
24. Put the on it - Lydd

TEAM NEWS

HORSEQUEST ARENA EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIP at Ashton de Walls on March 14th & 15th

Just days before lockdown Faye Smith & Jigsaw Jack flew the Faversham flag at the Arena Eventing Championship. This is her report on her time there.

With only a month to go I found out I had qualified for the British Riding Clubs 90cm Arena Eventing Championships with Jigsaw Jack! Flying the flag for Faversham RC!



So off we trot to Aston de Walls at 5am on Sunday morning!! Arriving there to find it tipping it down with rain!! By the time we warmed up, I was told we are not allowed to use normal whips after panicking over the whip a lovely junior rider from Cumbria very kindly lent me hers!



Finally we were off had the most fantastic & amazing clear showjumping round, straight off to the cross country we flew a fantastic round with ease until the very last 1m (Joker) showjumping fence & unfortunately we had it down! So disappointed but I am totally thrilled to bits him, I can not fault him when I forgot to breathe for whole of the show jumping! I finished on a total of 9.6 penalties & overall 32nd placings out of around 70 riders from all over the UK in an extremely competitive 90 championship class! If that was out of just the individuals not in a team then it would of been 4th out 13!

I couldn't be happier or prouder of having completed 4 Championships within the 4 years of producing Jigsaw myself & he has made an amazing step up to first 90cm Championships & having done very little preparation all winter!

AREA 10 Online Dressage

This was organised by Jo Cocker and proved popular. Faversham members got together and we managed to get 2 teams plus 4 individual tests. The teams were:

Faversham 1:

Debbie Harris on Achnacarry Machair Mist
Simon Rake on Marty
Claire Stryzyk on Carlo of Ardagh

Faversham 2

Maddie Oliver on Angel
Abi Martin on Gortnagopple Danny
Julia Izzard on Libby

Individual riders were:

Debbie Harris on Libby (Intro A & P 12)

Simon Rake on Marty (P 7)

Julia Izzard on Vardon (N 28)

Class placings as follows:

Intro A – Debbie came 6th

P 12 - Julia with Libby – 1st and on Vardon 6th

N 28 - Julia with Libby 3rd

Everyone did well and did Faversham proud. Thank you for taking part on our behalf.

Faversham 2 came 10th out of 18 teams

FUTURE AREA COMPETITIONS:

The 2020 Winter Championships both Novice & Intermediate which were cancelled will now be held in 2021. Not sure which team competitions will be run this Summer – we will keep you informed as information comes in.

AREA 10 DRESSAGE TO MUSIC QUALIFIER at Stilebridge on Sun 9th August – this will run

Faversham riders going to compete

LEAGUES

Redhorse Dressage 2020 FDRM Members Points League – Willow Farm EC

Not running this season due to Covid 19

The **BRC Grassroots Points league** has had a complete re-vamp for 2020. Two new sections have been added to the league- Combined Training and Cross-Country to the already existing Dressage and Show Jumping sections. Please note this league is **only** for club events and **not** BRC qualifiers and championships! Members will need to fill out their league card, and send it to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month. The score cards can be found attached to this email. (please note that there is 2 score cards, one for Dressage and Combined Training and another for Show Jumping and Cross Country). The league will commence on 1 January 2020 and finish on 31 October 2020.

- The Show Jumping height has been changed from 60cm- 70cm to 50cm- 60cm (starting height). This is due to the new 70cm classes being added to the BRC championships. To be eligible to compete horses should have 0 full BS and BE points and no BS club points at 80cm or above.
- The Dressage section has remained the same as 2019 and it is for riders competing at Intro and Prelim and must not have any BD points.
- Combined Training is the new addition to the league and includes riders competing in Intro or Prelim classes with a jumping height of 50cm-60cm SJ.
- The Cross- Country section is another addition to the GR league and this is for 50cm-60cm classes. Arena Eventing, Hunter Trials and One-Day Event will also count towards the league. Horses may not have any BE points- full or foundation.

The **BRC Volunteer league** has remained the same as previous years and it requires BRC volunteers to write down their volunteer work and work out how many hours they have volunteered for. There is 3 sections to the league and what league you are entered in depends on the type of work that has been done (members can be added into multiple sections). Full details on the different sections can be found by following the link below. Members will need to fill in their forms and send it to BRC HQ by the 7th of the following month. The league will commence on 1 January 2020 and finish on 31 October 2020.

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/brc-volunteers/volunteers-league>

TRAINING & TRAINERS - Please see What's On page for training dates at www.favershamridingclub.com if you are not on the internet and want a diary posted to you contact Sally on 01622 851807

Polework & Novice Show Jumping Clinics with Ali Ferry BHSII (SM)' ON HOLD FOR NOW

For novice horses, those riders that want to build up their confidence or just improve their horse's way of going, then these dates are aimed to help you. They are a chance for you to work over poles and small fences progressing to a course. To be held at Chilham Park in the Soft Track Arena. These will be 1 Hr sessions at 12.00 mid day and 1.15pm Cost is:- £14 per rider (4 to 5 riders per group) To find out more or to book a place on the above training.

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

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

To book your time or for more info contact Liz on 07813880373 or equinelaser@gmail.com

Payment will be made via www.clubentries.com ahead of the clinic.

SJ & Gridwork Clinics with Emma Handebeaux, XC Clinics with Janine Lamy at Lockskinners & Polework Clinics with Claire Stryzyk at Rhodes Minnis – details in the “COMING UP” section of Newsletter

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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)