



## FDRC NEWSLETTER

## ISSUE NO. 2 – JUNE 2021

### COVID 19 BRC UPDATE

We are hoping for full freedom soon. There are still restrictions that we have to adhere to and we will advise on any rules that have to be followed at any of our events. Please check BRC site for update at <https://www.bhs.org.uk/advice-and-information/coronavirus-covid-19>

### LOOKING BACK

#### VIRTUAL PRIX CAPRILLI – April 3<sup>rd</sup> Results

Many thanks to Emma Kinsley for judging the Members only Prix Capprilli. Results below. Test sheets will be emailed back to you and rosettes will be sent in post or delivered to you shortly. Well done everyone. So successful that another one is arranged was immediately organised for June. A few pictures from the competition.

Test 1 - walk and trot/poles

- 1st Sue Saunders 71.4%
- 2nd Shannon Lunt 64.77%
- 3rd Desti Horton (Steebs Bina) 64.54%

Test 3 - Novice /70cm

- 1st Wendy Neath 70.96%
- 2nd Liz Roberts 67.88%
- 3rd Ellie Papps 65.57%
- 4th Claire Stryzyk 63.46%

Test 2 - prelim/50cm

- 1st Ellie Papps 67.5%
- 2nd Abi Martin 65.57%



Abi



Desti



Liz



Sue



Ellie



Claire

## SPILLERS TALK – FEEDING THROUGH THE SEASONS – May 24<sup>th</sup>

After a slight hiccup with the first date we held the “zoom” talk on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Many members and guests joined us for a very interesting talk by Georgina Burgoyne on the tricky business of keeping your horse at about the correct weight all year round. She covered many areas of food management giving advice for poor doers to controlling intake for laminitics. . Also covered were balancers and supplements and how to use them with normal feed or grass.

Questions were asked by the audience and answered in a friendly & knowledgeable way  
Plus everyone who joined the meeting got a £5.00 discount code to use towards any Spillers product at Gillett Cook Country Store.

Georgina recommended the Spillers care line if you ever have a query regarding feeding. This can be found at <https://www.spillers-feeds.com/advice/> or on 01908226626.

Spillers also have two online body scoring tools that you can use free of charge to assess your horses condition.

Body Conditioning Scoring Tool – you fill in the info for your horse and it gives you a score from 1-10 where 5 is ideal

Body Conditioning Index – you fill in certain measurements and it gives you a score similar to BMI in humans.

Both these tools can be found at <https://www.spillers-feeds.com/weight-management-tools/>

It was a very enjoyable and informative evening – thanks to Sue Saunders who organised it

## NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP WITH WAYNE BUSHNELL on May 29<sup>th</sup> - Report by Bev Horkan

The Participants were...

Alison Hargreaves and Nellie... The skewbald mare who had only been sat on once before

Moira George and Magic the Connemara who seemed to be an old hand at everything.

Rebecca French and Murphy who had an amazing session in hand and then ridden

Laura Needham and Prince who was sat on for the very first time Saturday

Hazel Bratton (Laura's Mum) and Henry.... The pocket rocket!!!

Wayne Bushnell is a Natural Horseman who has recently moved to East Kent from Sussex.

Having seen him work with a friend's horse last year and needing some assistance, I contacted him in February to come and meet my horse Jackson.



Murphy meets the ball



Henry – the 2yr old pocket rocket

During our sessions we talked about running a clinic here at Mockbeggar and so a plan was hatched. Liz Roberts suggested we run it through the FDRC and offer spectator tickets as a way to fund raise for the club.

On the morning of Saturday 29th May Wayne arrived at Mockbeggar to a beautiful sunny day. We had quite a tight schedule to stick to and Covid rules to adhere to.

The first horse and rider/handler arrived promptly, and Wayne took them into the arena and started to work with them.

It was fascinating to watch and listen as Wayne talked as he worked with the horse and owner. The variety of horses, their behaviours and how Wayne dealt with each one was wonderful to watch and from the feedback I have received it seems everyone enjoyed the day and got something from it.

My stand out moment was watching one lady get on her youngster for the very first time.

Thankyou to everyone who attended and those behind the scenes that helped to make it work.

Bev Horkan



Laura's first time aboard Prince

Editors Note: The Committee would like to thank Bev for organising and hosting this most enjoyable day. Some pictures of the event below. Bev is running another day on July 31<sup>st</sup> so if you want to bring your horse along – book soon.



Magic meets the tarp



What a laugh!! Ali & Nellie having fun

## **DATES COMING UP -**

### **FDRC VIRTUAL PRIX CAPRILLI – OPEN TO ALL - June 6th**

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

Video's to be submitted by midnight on 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Schedule & Tests attached**

### **NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP WITH WAYNE BUSHNELL on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

at Mockbeggar , Rhodes Minnis, CT4 6XY

Places very limited.

FDRC Members £65

Non-FDRC Members £70

Spectators/Audit the clinic £5/person

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

## **VERSATILE TREC HORSE COMPETITION**

**at Willow Farm EC (ME13 0RS) on August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We are running a Versatile Trec Horse Competition again this year after the success of our past ones. Ever wanted to try TREC? but daunted by orienteering?

This is the event for you.

A VTH is a one day 3 phase TREC competition with an obedience Test instead of the orienteering

There are classes for all levels from Novices to Experienced Horses & Riders – Scores will count towards SETG Points Beryl Hare League if you are a member.

**SCHEDULE ATTACHED.**

## **JUST A REMINDER ABOUT RAFFLE PRIZES FROM 2020 – Ali Martin**

Just a little reminder now that lockdown is nearing an end to all the raffle prizes that are now usable.

- Saddlesdane Entry - Wendy Neath
- Liz Roberts Finacard Bedding - Veronica Crouch
- XC Hire x 2 or the Woodland Ride at Otterpool Manor - Debbie Harris
- Collette Show Entry - Claire Stryzak
- Even Equine Massage - Simon Rake
- Gallops Hire x 2 Libby Lawson - Indra Morris
- BB Arena Hire - Julie Salt

I believe the ones carried over to the next raffle were

Cobham entry - Sally King

E Pix Photography - Sue Saunders

SMP Events Entry - Jenny Marshall

Think I have covered everything - December was a long time ago.....))

If anybody needs help arranging collection please contact me directly at [batty2205@gmail.com](mailto:batty2205@gmail.com)

or ring/message on 07920488398

If people do want to `gift` their prize to another member due to whatever reasons, think we can do this - the whole idea of a club - helping each other.

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

BBQ & Summer Raffle

Dog Walk out to Shipwrights Arms from Faversham

Social Ride at Godmersham (venue tbc)

Day at Otterpool Manor a hack and use of some facilities i.e.XC, gallops

Walk & Talk on the Crops at Lees Court Estate & refreshments afterwards at a local pub

These are just a few of the events we are hoping to run this Summer.

## **TEAM NEWS.**

### **TEAM EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2021**

After a year of everything being cancelled and our diaries empty, we have lots of dates for your diary for Area 10 & Other Team Competitions. Please contact the team manager (details at back of Newsletter) or put a comment on the FDRC Facebook post about the competition if you wish to be in a team or ride as an individual in any of the following events.

**Please check the FDRC Facebook page for bulletins and updates for each competitions**

## 2021

- Dressage to Music - Sun 4th July - Stilebridge - Maidstone & District R.C. -SCHEDULE ATTACHED
- Summer Show jumping - Sat 17th July - Willow Farm, Faversham - Moat View R.C.
- Summer Dressage - Sun 18th July - Absaloms Farm, Underriver - Sevenoaks R.C
- RIHS at Hickstead - Sun 25th July - BHS BRC Team Jumping Championship
- Winter Novice Dressage - Date and Venue TBC - Battle/Moat View R.C.
- Intermediate Dressage - Date and Venue TBC - Battle/Moat View R.C.
- Winter Novice and Intermediate Show jumping - Sun 17th Oct, Hadlow -

## 2022

- Combined Training - Venue and Date TBC- Faversham & District R.C.
- Arena Eventing and Arena Challenge - Date and Venue TBC -

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

**Note:** To represent the club you need to be a fully paid up member if you would like to join or have not renewed yet - membership forms can be found on our website. Any problems please contact our Membership Secretary Sally King at [faversham.rc@gmail.com](mailto:faversham.rc@gmail.com)

## **LEAGUES**

### **Redhorse Dressage 2021 FDRC Members Points League – Willow Farm EC**

Redhorse Dressage run a points system for FDRC members, which will runs 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.favershamridingclub.com) if you are not on the internet and want a diary posted to you contact Sally on 01622 851807

This is a list of the training that we were running or planning to run when the pandemic hit and we had to shut up shop on and off for the last year plus.

We have, when permitted by the covid rules, tried to start up some of these training sessions again but have received little interest from our members.

So that we can find out what training you would particularly like to take part in we have sent out email or hard copy of a short questionnaire to fill in and submit to us. When we have the results we will set dates for the training & events that you want – please keep an eye out for dates on facebook and by email or post.

Here is a **LINK TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE** just in case you missed the email:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MWSTZFD>

### **NEW - POLEWORK CLINICS with Claire Stryzyk at Heartlands Livery, Etchinghill**

Following the successful clinic held in our brief period of normality in the Summer we would like to offer more of these clinics if there is sufficient interest. These clinics will start in the Spring. Look out for dates. **Cost would be £18 per person, groups of 4. Please contact Liz Roberts if you are interested.**

### **POLEWORK & SJ TRAINING with Emma Handebeaux at Chestnut Wood Stables, Scragged Oak Rd, Detling, ME14 3HL**

Emma is a well respected local instructor who has been associated with the FDRC for many years. We have already had several of these lessons and they were well attended

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.

**Starting at 2pm Cost, individual £35 Pairs £18 each Group of three/four £15 each**

### **FLATWORK LESSONS with Emma Kinsley at Willow Farm, Faversham ME13 0RS**

**Emma has kindly offered a Club reduced rate for her Flatwork Clinics for FDRC Members**

Clinic from grassroots up through the levels

Emma has a quiet and understanding approach to training. Whether you're wanting to build confidence in your horse, the combination or progress up through the levels she is happy to help. **To**

**book direct with Emma a slot please PM ELK Dressage or go to her [FB page](#)**

**Cost:**£35.00 for individual lesson inc arena hire - 45 mins

£25.00 each for a pairs lesson (£50 in total) including arena hire - 1 hour (please find your own pair)

**Payment must be made in advance.**

### **Polework & Novice Show Jumping Clinics with Ali Ferry BHSII (SM)**

For novice horses, those riders that want to build up their confidence or just improve their horse's way of going, then these clinics 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 starting at 12.00 mid day and 1.15pm**

**Cost is:- £14 per rider (4 to 5 riders per group)**

### **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)**