



FDRC NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 4 – DECEMBER 2021

POST COVID FDRC

When we first came out of lockdown we, the committee, wondered if the FDRC would survive – membership was very low, nothing we organised or suggested seemed to attract many members and we were all a bit disheartened especially after organising some events only to have to cancel them again as lockdown rules changed.. But then we ran & studied the survey and we started organising more fun things, social events, clinics like the Natural Horsemanship, and the social rides which have proved so popular and people (including us) started to get used to venturing out again.

Membership increased and we are proud to say that we have run a busy and seemingly popular programme over the last few months. We do feel that Riding Clubs have a different role in the equine world now and we are doing our best to adapt. Thank you, to you, all our members for sticking with us and for the support you have given our recent events. Training has started up and is doing well. So we are looking forward to a busy 2022.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2022

I am afraid it is *THAT* time of the year again when we are after your money. Membership is due for renewal on Dec 31st and subscriptions , you will be pleased to hear, are staying the same.

RIDING MEMBER – Junior or Senior - £35.00

NON RIDING/ FAMILY MEMBER Junior or Senior - £23.00

(Family Members must have a full member at the same address)

COMMITTEE MEMBER / CLUB OFFICER / HON. MEMBER VOLUNTARY DONATION - £16.00.

This does not apply to those new Members who have taken up the Extended Membership offer – their membership for 2022 will automatically be renewed in January at no extra charge.

We only charge **Committee Members & Club Officers** a nominal sum which covers part of the fee we pay per member to the BRC as a thank you for running the club and ask **Honorary Members** if they wish to make a voluntary donation towards the running of the Club but if they wish not to do so that is their right.

There are three ways of sending in your membership renewal::

1. Print & fill in the attached Membership Renewal Form & post it with a cheque
2. Online via <http://clubentries.com/favershamrc/> where you can pay by card or PayPal
3. Using the club website <https://www.favershamridingclub.com/membership> online form where you can pay by posting a cheque or transferring the money by BACS.

Details for all the above can be found on our website at the address above.

IMPORTANT Because of the **GDPR Regulations** that **EVERY MEMBER (INCLUDING HONORARY) WISHING TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP MUST SEND A FORM** by one of the methods listed above. or we can not renew your membership. We have to have received a form filled in & signed either by hand or electronically or we can't renew your Membership for 2021.

We can't accept emails or texts, saying "details the same will send money" as it will not comply

LOOKING BACK

HAVE -A-GO HORSE AGILITY AT MOCKBEGGAR FARM ON OCT 12TH

What a brilliant afternoon. 12 riders took part in today's Have A Go Horse Agility with Jo Carroll. Three groups who all managed to complete the course with horses and riders learning so much.

Many thanks to Bev Horkan for organising. Desti Horton certainly had the best technique for the hula-hoop and space hopper!



SOCIAL RIDE FROM ALKHAM VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECT on Nov 7th (postponed from 31.10.21 due to bad weather) pics & report by Wendy Neath



Yesterday I went on my 3rd FDRC Social Ride this autumn (is there a Loyalty points scheme?!) They have all been fun in good company and in good weather - this one was postponed from last week's stormy Sunday!

We met at Minnismoor Stables in the Alkham valley, home of Minnismoor Stud and Alkham Valley Community Project (do look them up - they're doing great work with disadvantaged kids alongside a busy happy riding school run by Jo Murrell).

Our host and ride leader Lynnette Marsh took us (just Anne Adams and myself) on a stunning ride with a mix of steady canters along grassy bridleways, quiet lanes and stunning views including looking over to Dover castle.

Back at the yard we availed ourselves of the lovely on site cafe . I heartily recommend the cheeseburger and hot chocolate with marshmallows . [Other drinks are available!]

Thank you Elizabeth Roberts for planning these and to Lynnette for hosting and leading us. And hope to see more members next time?

When we had more riders last time the group split into faster and steadier, so everyone is welcome. By the way it's not compulsory to have a grey despite what any photos might suggest!

FDRC COMPANION & FUN DOG SHOW on SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER

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

This event was very well attended with 45 dogs taking part a lot of whom entered up to 10 classes. There was a very friendly atmosphere and many happy faces. Judge Alison Harper had her work cut out for her with some classes having 18 in them. Judging started at 11.00 am and finished at about 4.00 pm. There was a very popular raffle which boosted the takings. Many thanks to Anne for organising it, Chrissy & Jenny who manned the refreshment department and to Heather for stewarding all day long.

CLASS WINNERS:

Class 1: Gill Bryncat with Zarozinia – Foalnn
Class 2: L Barham with Echo
Class 3: No Entries
Class 4: Carmen Chapman with Puzzle
Class 5: Anne Ball with Ed
Class 6: Jacqui Francis with Ebony & Ivory
Class 7: Andrew Cribben with Rivercross Barney
Class 8: Anne Ball with Ed
Class 9: Charlotte Birch with Ivy
Class 10: Mandy Coupland with Kelsey
Class 11: Carmel Chapman with Luna
Class 12: Lyn Freeman with Marnie

Class 13: Annabell with Wizzy Puff
Class 14: Debbie with Poppy
Class 15: Carol Percival with Bailey
Class 16: Chloe Curran with Lola
Class 17: Derek Fielder with Boyzee
Class 18: Maddie Reading with Indie
Class 19: Veronica Crouch with Charlie
Class 20: Teigan Salvage with Harvey
Class 21: Annabell with Wizzy Puff
Class 22: Annabell with Wizzy Puff
Class 23: Jacqui Francis with Ebony & Ivory
Class 24: Lynn Freeman with Marnie
Class 25: Meryn Dawson with Jacker

CHAMPION BEST PEDIGREE:

L Barnham with Echo (Picured)

RESERVE BEST PEDIGREE :

Anne Ball with Ed

CHAMPION BEST NOVELTY :

Charlotte Birch with Ivy

RESERVE BEST NOVELTY :

Chole Curran with Lola

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW :

Gill Brincat with Faolnn Zarozinia

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER :

Evie Curran with Lola



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

This did not get quite the response we hoped for but maybe it was the wrong place to hold it, alongside the dog show but maybe an idea as a stand alone event in 2022?
Not many tables taken but those that had a table sold some items.

COMING UP

ANNOUNCING THE HOOFPRINTS HUNT WINTER CHALLENGE

To keep us all active and 'going' through the darker, wintery months, we have come up with another 'Treasure Hunt' Type Challenge called Hoofprint hunt... the clue is in the name...

The Hoofprint Winter Challenge will run from 1st December 2021 to 31st January 2022

#FDRCchoofprinthunt Winter Challenge –a type of treasure hunt using photos and videos.

The entry fee is £16 Members and £20 Non-Members, £6 (£10 of non-members fee)will go towards FDRC club funds and £10 will go to the charity Prince Fluffy Kareem Horse and Donkey Charity.

The photographs and videos have to be taken between the competition dates (no old photos) and must include your horse (or be very obvious you are on your horse). Horses can be ridden or in-hand to get the photographs/videos. If you do not have a horse, you can still take part in using a model or toy horse, but you will begiven a handicap of minus 100points.

Photos are to be added to the photo folder in the FDRC Riding Club Facebook page and must include your name and the name of the horse in the photo.

If you are not on Facebook, then please WhatsApp photographs to 07813880373 (along with your name/horse's name) and I will upload them for you.

Once you have accepted the challenge, paid via club entries, you will receive via email a list of items you need to find and either photograph or video with your horse – and an example could be Winter Berries, so a photo of your horse by a holly tree with red berries - just your horses ears in the photograph is good enough... videos again, can be either carried out by the rider or someone else video you undertaking the task. If you don't have a horse, you will have to take your model or toy horse and have that in the photo or video.

Extra points will be given for comedy appeal and intuitiveness!

The list of items will not be released until the 1st December, and a Tally Up Tuesday will list the leaders and scores to keep you all motivated.

DECEMBER DOG WALK starting at 10.30 am on Sunday 12th December

meeting at **Barton's Point Coastal Park**, Marine Parade, Sheerness, ME12 2BE

(Follow the road to the end and there is a large car park for us to park in)

Walk will last 1 hour to 1.5 hours according the weather and we will walk round the park and up onto the sea front, then back into the park to the café for refreshments. The park is 40 acres and the terrain is mainly grass and footpaths. If you want to see a bit more about the park go to <https://www.bartonspointcoastalpark.co.uk/>

There is no charge for this event.

A chance to have a chat & walk with other FDRC Members with our smaller four legged friends

We will need to know approximate numbers for the café so please let Anne know if you are coming on the walk either by email at v.a.ball@outlook.com or by phone 0797 9432818 by the Monday 6th December.

INVITATION TO FDRC CHRISTMAS DINNER on Wed.

15th December at 7.00 pm

at Sittingbourne & Milton Regis Golf Club, Wormdale Hill,
Newington, Kent, ME9 7PX

Members, your families and guests, we cordially invite you to join us for a delicious Christmas Meal at the Sittingbourne & Milton Regis Golf Club. A chance to catch up with friends old & new over a lovely dinner.



Please choose from;

Starter:

Carrot & Coriander Soup,
Prawn & Crayfish Cocktail,
Chicken and Liver Pate.

Main Course:

Traditional Turkey,
Beef Bourguignon Braised Steak,
Roast Salmon Fillet
Trio of mushroom & Thyme Wellington,

Dessert:

Christmas pudding,
Vanilla Panna Cotta,
Chocolate fudge cake ,
Kentish cheese board.

Followed by coffee and a mince pie.

£30 per person

Please contact Lindsey with your menu choices & to book your place at

If.bootes@btinternet.com

Payment by BAC's to:

Faversham & District Riding Club

Account No. 30858356

Sort Code: 60 19 25

We need to know menu choices by the 8th December 2021

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 – hoping to run monthly, Talks and visits, Trec 10/10 (TBC 2022), Social at Denne Hill XC (Spring 2022), more Horse Agility (TBC 2022),
Dressage from the Judges point of view (demo), Talk on Feeding, Beach Ride

Please put forward any other ideas and offers of help organising & running events always welcome.

TEAM NEWS.

FLU VAC REGULATION BRC UPDATE

As mentioned in the last Newsletter the BRC have decided that you may compete in Qualifiers & Championships if your horse is vaccinated annually although they still recommend the 6 monthly regime. Just to let you know that the BRC online Vacs checker still has wording at the bottom to suggest you should be having the 6 monthly vaccines – ignore this section if using checker.

AREA 10 WINTER SHOW JUMPING at Hadlow College on 17th October Report by Liz Roberts



A lovely day representing the club at the Area 10 SJ qualifier at Hadlow.

Simps has been a bit spooky recently at events so wasn't sure how she would be back indoors but she coped well seeing her first 'audience'. Double clear but just too slow to get in to the placings.

We withdrew from the 90 as it was another 2.5hour wait for the first round and then another 1.5 hour wait for the second round. Having been

on the lorry since 9am and wouldn't have been home until 6.30pm we opted to finish on a good note and make it a nice experience for her.

Great to catch up with members from other clubs. Shame we couldn't get together a team but always next year

DTM CHAMPIONSHIP at Bury Farm on Oct 23rd. – Report by Debbie Harris

I was very lucky indeed to get a chance to ride at the BRC DTM champs. We were a very respectable second with a good score at the area qualifier, and it seems that the winner didn't take up her invite so it passed to me. I was also very lucky to go as three days before I still couldn't get diesel for the lorry - and when that problem was resolved I was practically doing my music routine around the forecourt of Sutton Valence garage.

So, Mac (Achnacarry Machair Mist) is an 8 year old Highland pony. I bought him two years ago as a "backed and hacked" 6 year old who could barely canter a circle. Some days he can still barely canter a circle depending on his mood as he is a typical quirky Highland - something I was blissfully unaware of when I bought him.

I've always particularly enjoyed Dressage to Music and use the services of Ros Emery-Kay for my music and floor plan. The woman is a genius and has designed for many high profile riders, but was quite happy to come up with bagpipes for Mac - it couldn't be anything else for a Highland pony.

Now Mac can be tricky at new venues, and ordinarily I would take him for a dry run to a new place, but Bury Farm was a little too far to consider that. So, we just went with it. He also isn't keen on indoor venues having been "attacked" by a pigeon last winter. To be honest he wasn't as bad as I was expecting. He was pretty dosed up on calming cookies, but still managed to throw in a few unplanned moves, and we were certainly flying to our canter music "The Flying Scotsman". I think the worse thing he did was to empty his bowels before we started right by the judges table parked at B. Mac can only pooh "stationary" and was unusually a little "loose" that day so the steaming mound he left must have been particularly unpleasant for the judges.

I have to confess these days my nerves generally get the better of me but all in all, once it was all over, I decided that I had definitely enjoyed it and would do it again. I'm fairly sure that Mac had fun, he's generally a happy soul as long as we are doing what he wants to do. When I think back to two years ago when I first got him home, I don't think I could ever have imagined riding him to bagpipes at the BRC music champs, and I am eternally grateful to Faversham Riding Club for letting me represent the club.

We didn't get a great score - unfortunately a whole 8% less than the qualifier (at a venue he likes). On the plus side I won a bag of Top Spec feed for a comment and photo I put of him on the BRC facebook page. Don't tell Top Spec, but Mac wont be getting the feed as he lives on thin air, but it will come in handy for his stable mate.

If you would like to see the full video I posted it on the riding club facebook page

LONDON & SOUTH EAST DTM CHAMPIONSHIP at Sands Farm on 23rd October

Report by Debbie Harris



thought I may as well give it a go.

After a bit more excitement than I had planned at Bury Farm, I was in two minds whether to go to Sands Farm for The London and South East Dressage to Music Champs. Last year was an epic fail, second last, with a score under 60% after being dive bombed by a pigeon, and poor Mac is now genuinely scared of them.

However, it was perfect weather, and he was shattered from getting lost in Hempstead Forest the day before, so I

As soon as we arrived I went to check out the pigeon situation, and I was utterly overjoyed to find a fake bird of prey up in the eaves, and not a pigeon in sight. Our unplanned extended ride round Hempstead Forest made for a quiet and relaxed Mac, and he pulled out his best effort at his music to date, with a very respectable 5th place in stiff competition.

I've only had him 2 years and he could barely trot a circle when he first arrived as a green 6 yr old. He still struggles with his canter, but he's built to carry a stag off a mountain and not to be cantering circles, so this was an excellent result.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST DRESSAGE TO MUSIC CHAMPIONSHIPS – Report by Liz Roberts 23rd Oct 2021 at Sands Farm Equitation Centre

The L&SE Championships are for those members in London and South East area who qualified or just missed out on a qualifying place at BRC Nationals and is always an enjoyable fun and encouraging event.

This year It was only Debbie Harris and myself who took part in the qualifier earlier in the summer. Debbie won her class and also went up to the Nationals and enjoyed the experience, Mac possibly a bit too much!

Debbie was competing earlier in the morning so we missed seeing each other, but Debbie messaged me to say Mac had behaved really well to come 5th.

After a little detour... the scenic route having missed a turning and getting a wee bit lost in a large lorry in the Surrey Hills, we arrived at Sands Farm.

So this was Simp's first 'Championships' and many "firsts" achieved, will come to those later!

Taking part in any competition requires planning and even more when it comes to music! First it's sorting your music and as L&SE offered us the opportunity to compete at a higher level even though not qualified, we had a few weeks in which to find music and sort out a. Elementary floor plan. Week before I met with Emma Kinsley for a run through and no matter how hard we tried we struggled to get all the movements in, we knew it should be possible as I was using one of my music disc for Advanced Medium, so agreed I would have a think, and try again on Wednesday. We knew we had the Novice floorplan sorted as have ridden it a few times at BD.

Wednesday night we rode through a revised floorplan and was spot on, went to ride through the novice and after the first half Simps went hoppitihop! Leapt off her, looked in foot and boots and nothing ... then a swelling appeared on her leg, right over suspensory branch... so obviously thought the worse... Thursday morning however, she was sound.. but for peace of mind we popped down to the vets to have a thorough check and scan. Given the all clear by the vets and we can only think we had a bit of rubber/grit in her boot... phew!

So Thursday was a lost day as was at the vets, and opted to just have a gentle hack on Friday.

Emma Kinsley kindly came with me as Tim was working and let's be honest, she's a much better groom than hubby who is amazing but totally allergic to a hot horse !

So the "firsts"
First long journey
First Championships
First time at the venue
First time competing elementary

I wasn't sure if Madam Spooky would actually go in the arena, but recently she has been gaining in confidence and have to say, she coped well. The speakers and a couple of banners required a hard stare and an ear flick but she managed to go past without too much of an issue.
Other than some tension, I was really pleased with the test, spot on with music changes, nice energy and no "free styling".

Short break, and was back to be first on for the elementary. Really wasn't feeling prepared and during the test we missed a few music cues, early to walk late to canter but managed the movements easily. Again, was pleased with how rideable she remained through both test.

Purple is obviously the club colours, as we managed 5th on both classes and came home with two lovely rosettes. So three 5th places for FDRC.



TEAM EVENTS COMING UP

AREA 10 INTERMEDIATE DRESSAGE Dec 18th at Felbridge EC

Please find attached the schedule for the Area 10 Winter Intermediate Dressage. If you would like to compete in a team or as an individual please let Liz Roberts on equinelaser@gmail.com know as soon as possible as entries have to go in very asap. .

AREA 10 COMBINED TRAINING - April 2nd at Felbridge FDRC to organise

We hope to get a team (or two?) or some individuals to compete in this event and some helpers.

Please contact Angy Spoor on Angyspoor@aol.com if you would like to compete and Lindsey Bootes on lf.bootes@btinternet.com if you can help.

We do realise Felbridge is a little out of our area but it is more central to Area 10 and has the ideal layout for the complicated timetable needed to run it.

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 in a team or as an individual club you need to be a fully paid up member of the Club

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 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 details sent contact Sally on 01622 851807

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

SHOW JUMPING TRAINING with EMMA HANDEBEAUX (next date 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 Dec 18th 2021 & Jan 9th 2022)

Held at Breach Barn, Barham or Willow Farm

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)