



Delamere Forest Riding Club

A British Riding Club affiliated to the British Horse Society

NEWSLETTER

July 2018

The weather this quarter has continued to surprise us (understatement!) however what is not quite such a surprise is the range of activities the Club has put on, or taken part in, and the support we have had from members to represent DFRC . We have been very proud of our teams and hope everyone has enjoyed participating – as well as the usual very big thank you to all helpers and supporters. Fuller reports are as follows :

PAST EVENTS:

Combined Training on 7 May at Cheshire Riding School

The annual DFRC Combined Training competition took place on 7 May at CRS . We had a very good entry and are now thinking that it's worth running this competition early in the year – as you may remember, entries were very low for August 2017 and the event had to be cancelled. The entry from the membership was very positive, with people looking for an early run (if you remember, we had wall to wall rain earlier in the year and a number of events had had to be cancelled because of that). Competition for places was keen and we are very pleased that the following members took the honours :

60cm class Fiona Saxby was 3rd, Louisa Brammer 4th and Kate Johnson 5th

75cm class Susanne Leece was 1st; Kate McCormack 2nd and Sue Pemberton =6th

90cm class Caroline Woods was 2nd and Bea Robinson was 5th

BE97 dressage Elaine Reading was 1st, Jo Bateson 2nd, Sue Pemberton 4th, Sam Sanson 5th, and Sarah Healing 6th

DFRC Camp 2nd and 3rd June 2018

Its likely that, one year, we will run out of superlatives to cover the annual DFRC Horse Camp. Another "vintage" weekend was enjoyed by a full compliment of riders and party-going spectators ! The weather was extremely warm with both horses and riders making full use of the shower facilities after a day's lessons. The instructors were as last year – Duncan, Sarah and Vicki – so everyone was able to mix and match to meet all their requirements (though maybe causing Cathy some sleepless nights !). Brent and Cathy produced stunning breakfasts on both days which sent everyone out well fuelled and Peter oversaw the evening meals. The warm evenings also meant that everyone was able to sit and socialise at the end of the day (and drink) – exchanging thoughts on the achievements of the previous hours. Everyone who wanted a spin on the brilliant cross country training acreage was accommodated; with flatwork; polework and show jumping being the other options. Riders were fully challenged by the instructors but the amazing results at the end of the weekend, spoke for themselves. As always conditions at Somerford (courses and accommodation) were fabulous. We have already lodged the deposit for 2019 !

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Equerry BRC Show Jumping Competition at Bolesworth

We were highly delighted that DFRC was represented by a team in the inaugural running of the BRC show jumping at Bolesworth. The riders were Sarah Healing, Emma Billington, Leanne Friar and Caroline Woods. Caroline and Henry did exceptionally well in getting a clear round over the 80cm course however, because conditions deteriorated badly, she decided not to risk the second round (85cm) on slippery ground. For those of you without facebook, Sarah and Bobby gave a whole new meaning to flying dismount but thankfully no long term damage ensued.

Area Horse Trials June 24th at Llanymynech

Again it was very encouraging that the Club was able to send two teams and an individual to the area horse trials. This event always attracts fierce competition and it was good to see our members getting places in the top ten.

The 80cm team was made up of Jo Bateson, Sarah Healing, Karen Jackson and Rosie Ibbett. Sarah and Rosie did well and finished 7th in their respective arenas.

The 90cm team was Georgie Critchley, Alison Arden and Sarah Healing – with Alison and Sarah finishing in 9th places in their respective arenas. Though maybe Sarah needed a medal for completing two classes in such hot weather.

Our individual rider was Kathryn Tierney who competed in the 100 class.

FUTURE EVENTS AND DIARY DATES

Area Show Jumping Team

Once again we are delighted to be represented in the Area Show Jumping Competition on 22 July at Caerwys and would like to wish the team, Caroline Brammer, Sarah Healing, Katherine Moore and Emma Billington best of luck and hope you enjoy the competition. Double wishes go to Caroline who is also representing the club as an individual in the style competition.

Dressage Competitions

The last of the summer dressage season takes place in a fortnight and Sue Lea is taking entries. Details are available on the web site but there are now only about 4 places available.

29 July Intro C; P7; N28; E44; M71

One Day Event

This will take place at Smallwood on Sunday 9 September. Full details, entry form etc will be on the web site in the next week. The helpers list will be updated on the web to include those who have advised on the membership form that they will help at this event. However we are always grateful if anyone would like to assist on the day (over and above the normal helper duty days) or if you know of anyone who is not a member who might be willing to come along, they will be assured of a real welcome. Please contact Cathy London if you would like any further details on this.

Dressage Training

Julie Hawe has been asked to run a dressage training session on 19 August at Forest Gate Farm. Full details are on the training page on the web site and, if you would like a place, please can you contact Mary Bradbury.

XC Training

Cathy London is hoping to arrange a cross country training session at Smallwood with Sarah Johnson but, to date, this has not been possible due to the hardness of the ground. As soon as this becomes feasible, details will be posted on the web page.

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Sue Lea is also looking at trying to arrange a lesson with Duncan Douglas at Smallwood in August in preparation for the one day event. Again this will probably be ground dependant but, if you would be interested in taking part if a session can be booked, please can you email Sue.

PERSONAL

To those of you who might have missed it, we are delighted to confirm that Holly Bradbury and Richard Llewellyn were married last month. Holly definitely qualified as Bride of the Year as she looked quite stunning and her chief bridesmaid was adorable. We are also really pleased to welcome Richard as an honorary member of the club as he was responsible for bringing our web site up to date and its really useful to have him "in house". The Club sends them very best wishes for their future.

MISC

As you know there has been a lot of publicity about non biodegradable materials going into landfill (or the sea etc). Although the Club does buy coffee cups that are made with a vegetable derived material and will break down in compost, the most environmentally friendly coffee cup is a pottery one that can be washed. This is just a gentle reminder that it would be good if people could bring their own cup to any event at Forest Gate. However we will still have disposable cups available should anyone need them.

HELPERS

In view of the fact that we have new members, this is clarification regarding help duties for juniors. We do not make a distinction between junior and senior members – afraid everyone has to do the same allotted number of help days. However, both junior and senior members can resolve this if a parent, relation, friend will cover the allocated time slot at any competition. If a swap is to be made, please can you ensure that Cathy London is aware of this.

HORSEMONKEY ENTRIES

Again for the benefit of new members, whilst we are more than happy to take entries from our members on horsemonkey (stating the obvious because, without you, we would not be able to run anything !!), if a non member wants to enter, we do need a separate horsemonkey entry. The implications of including a non member on a member's entry is that an incorrect fee is charged and also that non member gets the benefit of the earlier, members only, time slot. However we are always glad to accept any additional entries and certainly don't want to put non members off from participation in suitable club events.