



# Delamere Forest Riding Club

A British Riding Club affiliated to the British Horse Society

## NEWSLETTER

June 2020

As with the April Newsletter – apologies, we have no past news! However we thought you would like to have an update of the guidance from British Riding Clubs (BRC) and how the committee propose to get the club moving again within these guidelines.

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### Coronavirus Update:

As I am sure you will all be aware, the lockdown is starting to ease and each Government Statement leads to further changes in the guidance issued by all the equestrian bodies including BRC. These guidelines are subject to change depending on the course of the virus and I think we are all aware that an increase in cases could well lead to further restrictions in the future; this makes planning large events very hard due to the commitments and costs.

Speaking from the riding club perspective, the most important factor in all of this is that we all stay safe and continue to be well enough to enjoy our horses, even if we cannot train and compete as we would like to.

I have embedded below the latest advice from BRC which was emailed out on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The new changes are highlighted in red. Double click on the icon to open and read the PDF document.



BRC Update  
24\_06\_20-2.pdf

If you are unable access this using your mobile phone there is a link you can follow:

<http://www.bhs.org.uk/enjoy-riding/british-riding-clubs/news>

### FUTURE EVENTS:

As per BRC guidance we are unable to run any competitive events until after the 1<sup>st</sup> July and then we will have to carefully implement Covid precautions to ensure everyone's safety. Any competitions would only be open to riding club members to ensure we have the ability to trace all competitors.

**Dressage competitions:** Please note that we will be unable to use the toilet facilities at Richard and Jane's yard.

We will have to implement a paperless system for the scoring and all competitors will arrive, warm up, compete and then go straight home as with British Dressage. Judges will write their own scores without comments (unless they have a family member who can write for them) which means that more time will have to be allocated to allow them to judge in this way. Score sheets will be scanned and emailed to the competitors and the results posted on the website. There will be no scoreboards or refreshments and only one person to assist each rider if required. Everyone will be encouraged to leave as soon as possible after their test.

All competitions will need to have a Covid Health & Safety assessment in place prior to the competition.

**[www.delamereforestridingclub.co.uk](http://www.delamereforestridingclub.co.uk)**

To run any competitions we would need a minimum of helpers, but we appreciate that many people do not want to be out mixing with a number of others, even at the original 2 metre distance. PPE will be provided – gloves should be adequate PPE for helpers outdoors, however facemasks will be available if required.

(Anyone who was packed into those crowded beaches in the last few days will be expected to turn out and help!!)

**September ODE:** Although British Eventing is set to restart some of their competitions in July, there are massive implications for running the ODE for a small club like DFRC. Currently, we would only be able to accept entries from members which would leave us with (normally) between 12- 20 competitors!

After careful consideration, we have made the hard decision that we will be unable to run the ODE this year. We are aware that the members who would have competed will be very disappointed but an event this size needs an enormous amount of planning which would be rash if the ruling of non-members was still in force by September or activities were again curtailed leading to a late cancellation.

I have just read that Gatcombe are cancelling for this year so we are not alone by any means.

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### **On a positive note – dates for your diary!**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** Dressage Test Riding Clinic with Jane Carruthers at Forest Gate Farm. £20 per test. Entries open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June using our new entry system 'Entry Master'. Please use the following link: <https://delamereforestrc.lite.events/> for the new system.

Entries will be limited to the first 15 entries. Please note we are unable to take telephone entries with cash /cheque for any events until further notice.

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Prelim 7

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The test will be ridden, judged by Mary Bradbury, then Jane will work with the rider on a part of the test, and there may be time to re ride the test; or just the part that has been worked on.

Times will be given to the riders for the clinic. Please do not arrive and mount more than 15 minutes before your time as working in will be limited.

One helper per rider, no dogs, social distancing to be observed at all times, no toilet facilities, members only

Test sheets will be sent electronically to riders after the clinic.

**9<sup>th</sup> August 2020:** The scheduled dressage competition will run but there may be a smaller entry to comply with the guidance. Details are on the website. Entries only via Entry Master using the above link which will open 3 weeks prior to the date.

**Future Training:** Members of the committee are planning show jumping and cross country training. We will probably use established venues such as Kelsall Hill, Somerford Park and Smallwood Equestrian Centre. These venues have parking and Covid precautions established which makes them safer choices whilst we are getting used to the new ways of providing training.

As soon as we have details we will let you all know.

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We hope to provide as many events and as much training as possible to make up for the slow start to the 2020 season and we will ensure that we are compliant with the guidance given to us - our priority is the wellbeing of the members and committee.

This year may be a quiet time for the club but we can hopefully look forward to next year!