



# Delamere Forest Riding Club

Virtual AGM

7th Nov 2020

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our AGM in person this year due to Covid-19, but we still wanted to hold some sort of AGM to highlight member achievements, update you all on the club activities and the events that we have been able to run etc.



## Chairman's Report

At last year's AGM and Presentation evening we had great plans for the next riding club year – who could have possibly predicted how life would change in 2020, not just for the riding club but for every part of our lives! If we had known though, I do not think we could have enjoyed that evening more as it was a great time to catch up together over a lovely meal –hopefully we will meet up again at the AGM next year!

2020 was the first year when the DFRC year was changed to a 'January to December' club year in line with British Riding Clubs (BRC). As you may recall, we decided to keep the trophy awards as they have always been with winter dressage and summer dressage as this was felt to be a fair system of awarding points and trophies. Unfortunately due to the Covid restrictions we have been unable to collect and present the trophies this year but the dressage competitors have amassed points and we are presenting Champion and Reserve Rosettes which can be safely posted out, thanks to Stephanie Woodland who is organising this.

When the country went into lockdown in March 2020 all events, training and competitions had to stop. Some of you will have stopped or eased back on riding as we all became much more cautious and some people had to stay at home shielding for months. Many thanks to all the people who have helped friends and family, not just with the care of our precious horses but also with the everyday tasks which we usually take for granted.



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When the situation improved in July, the committee, led by guidance from BRC started to organise events again. This was hard due to ongoing restrictions and the constantly changing advice from the Government. We started with Jane Carruther's dressage test riding clinic which was a good starting point due to small numbers and well spaced times. Monthly dressage then followed with reduced numbers due to the judges having to do their own writing, no score boards, no toilet facilities, no catch up with friends and no welcome cup of tea when you get off your horse! Things can only get better, we hope.

We receive regular updates from BRC and we are led by them in running further events at present. The local Tier 3 restrictions are a problem for some members, as are the current Welsh rules (are new breeches an essential purchase??).

Along with all the other big events, we had to cancel the popular camp at Somerford Park. When venues reopened we managed to book an alternative date for the August Bank Holiday weekend. Members were very happy to be able to get out for a weekend - for some of us this will be the only holiday this year! Camp was run under strict Covid rules and the usual social atmosphere with extra visitors was curtailed to ensure all campers, trainers and plus ones who came along were safe. We have no reports of a massive 'camp infection' so we must have got it right!

Unless we have to go back into a stricter lockdown we intend to carry on with the scheduled events and we hope to run the Arena Eventing, Combined Training and ODE in 2021.

I hope you all stay well and survive these challenging times – see you at the dressage maybe

Cathy



## TREASURER'S REPORT

The disappointment that the Committee has felt in not being able to offer members the range of activities this year (obviously due to Covid restrictions) has been mirrored in the financial position at this stage of the Club year.

We still carry a relatively healthy amount of money but this is down on previous years. The current account has a balance of £4869.26 and the deposit account £3,282.45. However there is an on-going query opposite Paypal with regards to the Club status as, if we can show we are a non-profit making organisation, they deduct a lower fee on our transactions but this is not proving easy to set up. As a result, there is a credit balance owing to us by Paypal of approx. £900 being the fees covering previously organised events.

Income and Expenditure have (once the Paypal credit is included) been very close. Income for 2019/20 is £7617.09 with expenditure at £8,088.33. The outgoings that have tipped this balance are the BRC membership fee – in view of the fact that Committee members incur unclaimed costs (travel, phone, stationery etc), the Club pays their membership fee. Camp posted a very small loss but as it was deemed to be a members' event, this was accepted. Area competitions – the Club pays pre-entry fees for any member competing (approx. £160) Auditing fees, ppe equipment, and the web name fee cost us £440.95. Profits came from the clear round show jumping; pole work clinic; dressage test riding.

Under normal circumstances, we would have run our major fund raising event (the ODE) which, in turn, gives sufficient profit to be able to invite members to the AGM and pay for the supper. Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to reinstate both events.





# Trophies & Awards for 2019-2020 Season

- ▶ Although sadly we will not be collecting & handing trophies out this year, we still want to congratulate all of this year's trophy winners.
- ▶ The winners will all receive their Champion, Reserve Champion & Team Member Rosettes through the post shortly!

## Winter Dressage Winners 2019/20



**Winter Intro Champion**  
Susanne Leece & Honey



**Winter Intro Reserve Champion**  
Nick Pender & Moorhey Sunchief



## Winter Dressage Winners 2019/20



**Winter Prelim Champion**

Carrie Childs & Alice

**Winter Prelim (Joint)  
Reserve Champions**

Cathy London & Coconut  
Lauren Moore & Dessie



## Winter Dressage Winners 2019/20



**Winter Novice Champion**

Cathy London & Coconut

**Winter Novice Reserve Champion**

Ben Plackett & Mr. Fox



## Winter Dressage Winners 2019/20



**Winter Elementary Champion**  
Madelaine Davies & Hi Mac

**Winter Elementary Reserve Champion**  
Ben Plackett & Mr. Fox



## Winter Dressage Winners 2019/20



**Winter Medium Champion**

Madelaine Davies & Hi Mac



# Summer Dressage Winners 2020

Thanks to Covid-19 & lockdown restrictions, this summer we were only able to run the August & September Dressage Competitions, however we will still be awarding Champion & Reserve Champion Rosettes on the very-short Summer Season! It's nice for us to celebrate the few positives this year!

## Summer Dressage Winners 2020



### Summer Intro Champion

Madelaine Davies & Felton Rare Magic



### Summer Intro Reserve Champion

Wendy Burgess & Top Hat n Tails



## Summer Dressage Winners 2020



### Summer Prelim (Joint) Champions

< Carrie Childs & Alice

Alison Arden & India >



### Summer Prelim Reserve Champion

Holly Costello & Sparky Million



## Summer Dressage Winners 2020



**Summer Novice Champion**  
Karen Jackson & Roxy



**Summer Novice Reserve Champion**  
Alison Arden & India



## Summer Dressage Winners 2020



**Summer Elementary Champion**  
Emma Billington & Bobby



**Summer Elementary Reserve Champion**  
Lauren Moore & Dessie



## Summer Dressage Winners 2020



**Summer Medium Champion**  
Madelaine Davies & Hi Mac





# Area 20 Team Members

Only a few of the Area 20 Qualifiers have been able to run this year, however, the following Club Members have represented us at those that did run (from Oct 19 - Sept 20).

Each of you will receive a Team Member rosette through the post shortly!



## DFRC Area 20 Team Members 2019/20

Clare Whitfield  
Sam Sansom  
Karen Jackson  
Wendy Burgess  
Holly Llewellyn  
Kate Johnson  
Jo Tomlinson  
Amanda Lyne  
Steph Woodland  
Vicki Lowe  
Alison Arden  
Katie Holden  
Brent Sansom  
Janet Freeman  
Fiona Saxby  
Catherine Moore  
Sarah Healing



## DFRC Area 20 Team Members 2019/20

Our Winter Novice Dressage Team 2019 the Delamere Pines (Katie Holden, Sam Sansom, Vicki Lowe & Amanda Lyne) finished in a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> place and qualified for the Novice Winter Championships.

This was due to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Arena UK, but the country went into lockdown just days before the event. These Championships have now been rescheduled for March 2021.

# Christmas Fancy Dress 2019

We ran our first Christmas Fancy Dress Competition at the December 19 dressage and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy it, even our judge joined in! The Fancy Dress competition will be back again this December dressage so time to start planning your outfits!





## Horse Camp August 2020

After unfortunately, having to cancel our May 20 Horse camp due to lockdown, Cathy luckily managed to rearrange it for us later this Summer so we didn't have to miss out on one of the highlights of the club year!



## Horse Camp

Some of the horses enjoying their well deserved down time in the stables..





# Horse Camp 2020

Horses & Riders enjoying some down time between lessons! We always come away having eaten too well over the weekend (this year no thanks to Asda, which lead to a dash round Aldi late Friday night!). The horses all enjoy hand grazing throughout the weekend too!





Camp Continued!



## Committee changes

This year we have a few Committee changes. Both Mary Bradbury & Holly Llewelyn are stepping down due to their new family addition, and we would like to congratulate the whole family on the arrival of Hester Llewellyn this summer.

We thank them tremendously for all their hard work on the committee over many years & wish Holly good luck juggling baby and baby horse, and Mary continued success in her judge's role, as well as Grandma status! I'm sure we will see plenty of them with Brigid and Violet at the club competitions & events.



## Committee changes

We would like to welcome Carrie Childs & Anne Doughton on to the committee!

Carrie has previously been a committee member and has agreed to return! She will take over running many of the jumping events from Holly.

Anne has agreed to join the Committee willingly, and without persuasion! She very kindly agreed to take on the organisation of club rosettes & trophies freeing up Steph to take on Mary's role of organising the winter Club Dressage competitions & managing the Area Dressage Teams.



# DFRC Dates for your Diary

All of the following events will be held at Forest Gate Farm unless otherwise stated.  
See the club website for event details & how to enter.

## 2020

~~28<sup>th</sup> Nov 20 - Jump Training~~ **POSTPONED due to lockdown**

~~8<sup>th</sup> Nov 20 - Dressage~~ **CANCELLED due to lockdown**

6<sup>th</sup> Dec 20 - Club Dressage (Fancy Dress!)

29<sup>th</sup> Dec 20 - Christmas Show Jumping with Richard Carruthers

## 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Feb 21 - Club Dressage

7<sup>th</sup> Mar 21 - Club Dressage

11<sup>th</sup> Apr 21 - Club Dressage

May 2021 - Combined Training (Cheshire Riding School) Date TBC

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June 21 - Camp (Somersford Farm Park)

13<sup>th</sup> June 21 - Club Dressage

Sept 21 - One Day Event - Dates TBC

Sept 21 - Tile Farm Fun Ride - Date TBC



We are hoping to also run a Clear Round in Jan 21 & Jump training in Feb, as we did last year, but with lockdown restrictions changing so frequently, we will need to plan these events closer to the time. Please keep an eye on the website & facebook for further details.

# Area 20 Qualifier Dates for 2020/21

If you would like to represent DFRC as an individual or as a team member for a Qualifier, please contact the committee member below.

## 2020

1st Nov 20 - Novice Dressage - Went Ahead (2x DFRC Teams)

~~22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 20 - Novice Winter Show Jumping (Southview) Sue Griffiths~~

~~29<sup>th</sup> Nov 20 - Intermediate Show Jumping (Kelsall Hill) Sue Griffiths~~

<sup>^</sup> POSTPONED. New dates TBC.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec 20 - Arena Eventing Qualifier (Kelsall Hill) Peter Booth

**2021** - (Dates & venues to be confirmed)

Intermediate Dressage Steph Woodland

Horse Trials (Somerford Park?) Sam Sansom

Dressage & Test Riding Steph Woodland

Show & Style Jumping Cathy London

Dressage to Music Steph Woodland?

Combined Training TBC

The Championship dates & venue's can be found on the Area 20 website.



# Membership for 2021

Membership prices will remain at £25 for 2021.

Please be aware that BRC recently have increased their membership fees, however we have kept our membership fee the same for 2021 but will increase to £30 per member from Jan 2022.

The 2021 Membership Form is now available on the club website, please complete and return to Cathy at [cathylondon@sky.com](mailto:cathylondon@sky.com).

Please post your membership form & cheque to:

**Cathy London,  
Norcott Brook Cottage,  
Tarpoley Road,  
Whitley, Warrington,  
Cheshire,  
WA4 4DZ**

We look forward to receiving your membership renewal for next year & look forward to welcoming new members to the club!



## Any comments, questions or suggestions?

We would love to hear them!

Please email your query to [delamereforestrc@gmail.com](mailto:delamereforestrc@gmail.com) and somebody from the committee will get back to you!

If you are interested in joining the committee please let one of the current committee members know, or email the club at the email address above.

