



From the Chairman

Welcome to the latest Newsletter. I wanted to let you know what has been going on over the last few weeks and look forward to the Autumn.

We ran two very successful Dressage Roadshows at Comphurst in mid-July and at Bull Farm at the end of August, these were our first events under the COVID guidelines issued by British Riding Clubs. Thank you to everyone who attended as competitor, supporter or helper for following the guidelines for parking and one-way systems etc. Sticking to the guidelines of “compete and leave” means less time to meet up with friends and celebrate your success (or commiserate when things go wrong!) but it was good to see old and young and new members out again.

As we have had to cancel competitions over the Summer and because numbers are limited for the competitions we do run we have taken the decision to suspend our points leagues for 2020. We will be looking at making some fun and alternative awards at the 2021 AGM. Over the last few weeks we have been updating and refreshing the website (www.rvrc.org.uk). The website has details on upcoming events – competitions and clinics – and a link through to Plan-it Book-it for entries. The website will also be the place to find results after member only and team competitions. Club events and clinics and results will continue to be posted on our Facebook pages but it is sometimes easier to find things quickly on the website.

The Committee is continuing to look at ways to organise events while sticking to all the new guidelines. We want our member events to continue to be as friendly and accessible as possible so please bear with us while we look at the best way to arrange things. We also need to make our events as cost effective as possible: membership income is down this year and with no income from our usual events mean we need to make sure events cover costs. We are looking at using new venues and organising member only events in a new way: We hope the first of these events will be showjumping competitions later this month or early October. These will be competitions when you need to book in advance so keep an eye on the website and Facebook for news of autumn competitions and join in if you can.

As well as the well-known venues we use for clinics and competitions we have recently added Risebridge in Goudhurst and Glengorse in Battle to our list. Risebridge has already hosted a successful showjumping clinic with Camilla Kruger. Look out for more clinics at these venues.

It is far easier to run our usual range of clinics and we have quite a few coming up. September clinics so far are, XC with Tanya Reid at Comphurst on 20 September and grids/jumping with Camilla Kruger at Risebridge on 21st. Both can be booked now.



Area Qualifier- Showjumping

Area 10 winter qualifier will be on 18 October at Hadlow.

Contacts for anyone interested in entering are Betsy Davis (seniors), betsy_crane@icloud.com and Caroline Morris (juniors) rvcjuniors@gmail.com

Results of NAF Virtual Dressage

Rother Valley put up teams and individuals for the "televised" NAF Dressage Championships.

Sarah Baldwin, Nicky Saint and Sarah Jane Carey came 4th in the Team section for Intro and Prelim. Novice/Elementary team. Vicky Hukins was place 15th in an individual class of over 100 tests and Karen Whittaker was placed in the Dressage to Music.

The Novice/Elementary Team of Elizabeth Ross, Emily Morris and Tanya Reid came 6th in the team section and Emily came 8th individually

This month we say goodbye to long time member and Committee member Helen Brophy.

Helen has been a member of the club for over 25 years and is leaving the area to move closer to her family in the west country. I am sure all members will send best wishes to Helen (and her lovely mare Emma) for their big move.

