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DISCOUNT - Petley Wood Equestrian Centre for all their **Unaffiliated** events. £2 will be taken off entry fee. Discount code will only be given out to fully paid up members of RVRC for 2019. Apply to

WELCOME FROM YOUR NEW CHAIRMAN



For those of you who don't know me my name is Mary Gillam. A bit of background – I have been Secretary of RVRC for about a year before being elected Chairman and have been Secretary of the British Riding Clubs Area 10 Liaison Committee, of which RVRC is a member, for about 5 years. I have two Welsh cobs and I have been a member of RVRC almost continuously since I moved to Sedlescombe in 1995. I helped to start the RVRC Confidence Group with a friend, Kim Evans, whose original idea it was.

My aim is to continue to make the club as accessible as possible to everyone no matter at what level they ride. This is, I hope, reflected in the very varied programme of events that we have on offer this year. We currently have 190 members and are the largest club in the south east and I feel privileged to be at the helm!

NEW MEMBERS - Don't forget to join the Facebook RVRC Members only page or if you are not into Facebook then our new website <http://www.rvrc.org.uk/> should have the latest info. The latest list of events can be found below and at <https://rvrc.pi-bi.com/frmMain.aspx> and click on Forthcoming events. You do not need to logon to the Planit-Bookit website to see this.

As some of you may know Nessie Folwell, past Chairman, and Sharon Baker, current Vice Chair, have been receiving treatment for cancer. I am delighted to report that both of them have recently received the all clear. Congratulations! Great stuff ladies!

If you have any ideas for items to be included in the newsletter then please get in touch at rvrc@gmail.com

Below is a copy of the letter we received from the charity who benefited from the money we raised at this this year's AGM supper. Thank you once again for all the lovely prizes and to you all for supporting the raffle so generously.



2nd April 2019

Debbie Haddow



Dear Debbie & Rother Valley Riding Club

We are writing to express our sincere thanks to you for your generous donation of £390.00 to Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony Charity from the raffle at your AGM. This is absolutely amazing, we hope you had fun whilst raising such a fabulous amount. We are so extremely grateful to have such kind support, as well as your thoughtfulness. This will help us to keep pushing and keep fighting against the truly awful disease that is cancer.

Willberry has such a huge job to do, Hannah had such drive to inspire people and give them hope that we can beat this and we together in the future will be #kickingcancersbutt due to donations like yours. This money will help us to fund bone cancer research, in particular osteosarcoma and also help fund 'Willberry's Wishes' which allows seriously ill people to have their horsey dream come true, just as Willberry helped so many of Hannah's to be granted during her illness.

Hannah would have wanted to personally say the biggest thank you, she was so very grateful and touched to say the least by everyone's kindness and support. We hope that between us all we can make her proud of her legacy 'Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony Charity' and make a difference to many lives.

Thank you once again.

Lots of love from

Willberry

Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony Charity
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www.willberrywonderpony.org

Instagram: @willberrywonderpony
Twitter: @chiefchemo pony
Facebook: Hannah's Willberry Wonder Pony
#kickingcancersbutt #makingmemories

RVRC CONFIDENCE GROUP

The club has, for the last three years, run a confidence group for those within the club who are not yet ready to compete at Novice Dressage or jump 70 cms plus. It was started with the idea of raising everyone's level of confidence by providing a group where like minded people could be happy if they didn't want to leave the floor or only wanted to jump a small cross pole. The group has about 30+ regular members and they run polework and small jumping sessions. Anything from cross poles to 50-60cms. We encourage everyone to take part in the member only competitions that RVRC runs albeit it at walk and trot or 40cms, whatever level the person feels happiest. The group also have an offshoot hacking group. To find out what the confidence group are doing please request to join the RVRC confidence group Facebook page. Or if you would like to talk to someone first then Caroline Morris who is a committee member will be happy to describe the clinics the group offers. To contact Caroline email rvcjuniors@gmail.com

Next Club event – Dressage

Roadshow at Comphurst. Thursday

late afternoon/evening 20 June 2019

entries open now on <https://rvrc.pi-bi.com/>

List of forthcoming events

XC with Camilla Kruger @Lodge Farm Saturday 18/5
RVRC MEMBERS CLINIC with Camilla Kruger (Olympic event rider)
☆ Saturday 18th May 2019 ☆ Cross Country ☆ Lodge Farm, Matfield (TN12 7ET) ☆ 70cm to 1m ☆ £40 per person (to include course hire) 1 hr and 20 min sessions in groups of 4 All levels and ages very welcome 🍷 Lots of fun to be had!! Please book in at height you want to jump, I will then put you in groups and send out times. Any questions or time requests email me on katiepreston3@gmail.com

Yoga for Riders Thursday 23 May 2019
75 minute yoga session designed for horse riders - multiple sessions can be booked together Foxwood Studio, Foxwood House, Sheepstreet Lane, Etchingam, TN19 7AZ Over 18s only - unfortunately due to insurance restrictions this is an adult only class Further info: Debbie Haddow: debbiehaddow@googlemail.com

Clinic with Tanya at Comphurst Weds 29th May
RVRC Clinic with Tanya at Comphurst Weds 29th May Tanya is BHSAI, UKCC L2, BHS Accredited Professional Coach and BD list 5 judge The following options are on offer, Times will be confirmed as soon as we know numbers. 1 .XC group of 4 for 1.5 hrs £40 each any level catered for from non jumping upwards 2 .SJ group of 3 for 1hr £30 each any level catered for from polework /xpoles upwards 3 .Combined group of 3 SJ 1hr then a 1hr break followed by XC 1hr £60 each 4 .Flatwork lesson individual 45 mins £30 each Members only Approved Body Protectors and Hats must be worn Mary will be arranging the groups, any questions email Mary: mgillamrvrc@gmail.com

Yoga for Riders Thursday 30 May 2019
75 minute yoga session designed for horse riders - multiple sessions can be booked together Foxwood Studio, Foxwood House, Sheepstreet Lane, Etchingam, TN19 7AZ Over 18s only - unfortunately due to insurance restrictions this is an adult only class Further info: Debbie Haddow: debbiehaddow@googlemail.com

4th June 10am tiny jumps at Bull Farm grass
Grass arena course, cross poles up to 50cm Jo Crouch

4th June 11am 50-70cm grass arena Bull Farm
11am Jo Crouch clinic at Bull Farm

RVRC Dressage Roadshow # 1 Comphurst 20/6
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ENTER AT <https://rvrc.pi-bi.com/>

RVRC Camp CANCELLED– following the loss of the use of venue at Benenden complete with its temporary stabling the Committee investigated several different options. Unfortunately, for one reason or another it has proved impossible to rearrange within the timescale. Our apologies to those of you who were looking forward to this event. We promise to have it sorted for next year and meanwhile we do have a lot going on within the club.

Your new Committee for 2019/20 is:-

Name	Role	Contact Email
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Forthcoming BRC Area 10 qualifiers –

Horse Trials -Coombelands – Saturday 1 June

Dressage to Music - Stilebridge Barn – Saturday 30th June

SJ and Style – Saturday 6th July at Felbridge

Dressage and Riding test – 4th August - Sevenoaks

Finally, entries for Friends of Freddie Open One Day event on 21 July 2019 at Comphurst will go live shortly.

Classes at up to 70cms, 80cms and 90cms. Booking through planit-bookit as usual. Great members discount on the entry fee!