

FFRC's Newsletter

Monthly newsletter jam packed with news, games, information and fun facts!



Happy New Year!

By Acacia Ross.

Welcome, to the first ever newsletter of 2024. I am Acacia and I am the new junior editor of the FFRC's monthly newsletter. The newsletter will be full of recent news, upcoming events, fun facts and a monthly competition to win yourself a £5 gift voucher.

I really hope you all enjoy reading. If you have any ideas on what you would like to read in the monthly newsletter, please email me on rossacacia2@gmail.com.

As we head into 2024 Frampton Family Riding Club turns 50 years old. To celebrate such a big milestone, the committee decided that a coach trip to Badminton Horse Trials would be a great day out for all, including



non-members! Tickets including travel £63. Discounted for members available. Below is information regarding the trip but for more information please head to www.ffrc.co.uk

ABOUT ME!

Hi, my name is Acacia Ross, I am a Junior Member of Frampton Family Riding Club. I am 12 years old. I have a pony called Hendrix, whom I have owned since he was a foal. He is now 5 years old. I backed him myself when he was 3.5 year old. We have done some jumping together, not that he enjoyed it much! He prefers the lazy life. He is a very cheeky boy! We are hoping to try our hand at some dressage in the future and hopefully join in with the Mercian events. A little fact about us, even though he may not enjoy anything involving moving... we were the winners of the FFRC Winter Showjumping League. I have also successfully shown in hand and had a go at some Intro dressage. But enough about me, lets get on with some news!

WE MAY HAVE JUST HEADED INTO THE NEW YEAR BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP THE SHOWJUMPERS STARTING THE YEAR WITH A BANG. JANUARY 7TH, THE LADIES OF FFRC HEADED TO THE AREA 9 WINTER SHOWJUMPING QUALIFIERS AT WEST WILTS.



Anne Dickenson and Cloncilla took 18th out of 35 riders in the 70cm seniors.



Elena Marquez Espada, Anne Dickenson, Maria Dickenson And Charlotte James headed into the 80cm bringing home an amazing team 2nd, and Elena with Hogans Banshee with individual 6th place.

Charlotte James , Ellie Batten , Kayleigh Scrivens and Sheenagh Bragg flew around the 90cm bring home a well deserved team 1st landing them a place in the BRC Winter Champs in April.

Last but definitely not least Kayleigh Scrivens and Sheenagh Bragg headed into the 100cm bring home a 2nd and 3rd landing them yet again another Golden ticket to the BRC Winter Champs as part of an Area Team.

Huge congratulations are in order to all that competed for FFRC.



AGM & Trophy Ceremony Monday 15th January.

On, Monday 15th January, we held our AGM and trophy ceremony at Whitminster Inn, thank you so much to everyone who joined us, we had a lovely turn out. We heard from our Chairperson, Kelly Clack, who spoke about all the upcoming events, the successes of last year and presented the treasurer report. We heard from our Team Managers of Dressage, Mel Glover, Mercian, Susie Drake and Showjumping Suki Ross, and heard all about the success of every member who took part and all the rosettes and sashes won! Well done everyone, it really was an amazing year 2023! We hope 2024 can be the same. We had a report from Rach Dennis, the membership secretary, and currently have 31 members including 4 junior members, which for the start of the year is just fantastic!

We finished the evening by presenting out trophies, OSCARS STYLE! Each category had 3 nominees who were all presented a beautiful rainbow rosette made by Penny Ferneyhough. The winners were announced by opening a sealed envelope! It went down a storm.

Huge congratulations to all our nominees and our winners!

Our winners were, **Fran Pearce** for Best Dressage and Member of the Year. **Kayleigh Scrivens** for Best Showjumping. **Elena Marquez-Espada** for Best Arena Eventing/Combined Challenge. **Erica Shipley** to Best Mercian. **Sarah Love - Jones** for Best Showing and Most Consistent Mercian. **Acacia Ross** for Best Junior. **Emma Leney** for Best New Combination. **Mel Glover** with Most Helpful Member and **Carol Soormally** with Have A Go.



Game Time!

This month's game is spot the difference! Can you spot the 5 differences in the photo below of our Chairperson, Kelly Clack and her horse, Gerry and send your 5 answers to rossacacia2@gmail.com - Entries close 18th February, the winner will be drawn at random and the winner will receive a £5 gift voucher. The answers and the winner will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Spot the difference



This months 5 fun facts!

Did you know... The average horses heart weighs approx 4.5KG.

Did you know... Horse's hooves are made up of the same protein that comprises human hair and finger nails.

Did you know... The earliest ancestors of the horse is estimated to have lived 55 million years ago and they were the size of a labrador!

Did you know... Horse's have the largest eyes of any land mammal... probably why they can see that scary piece of grass they are about to walk past!

Did you know... Horse's teeth take up a larger amount of space in head, than their brain! Explains a lot...

Upcoming events for 2024

(please go to www.ffrc.co.uk for more info on events below)

Every Wednesday : Flat work clinics with Alastair Bull.

11th February : BRC Area 9 Winter Junior Dressage Qualifiers

25th February : BRC Area 9 Senior Winter Intermediate Dressage Qualifier

8th-10th March : BRC Dressage to Music & Introductory Dressage Championships

10th March - Showjumping Clinic with Alastair Bull @ CCR

31st March - Arena Eventing Clinic with Alastair Bull @ CCR

6th-7th April : BRC Novice Winter Championships

27th-28th April : BRC Intermediate Winter Championships

11th May - Coach trip to Badminton Horse Trials.