

Despite the problems of Covid, we were able to get the Club active again in June. Thanks to Mandy and Robert training evenings were first to start up again and are continuing through the winter provided Covid conditions stay as they are. We ran our first dressage of the summer on July 12th and again, many thanks to Mandy for allowing us to use Froghill and for making sure we complied with all the new guidelines. It seemed that many of our members were more than ready to do a competition again and it was really nice for us all to see each other again. The weather was fine and we had some very good tests ridden. This was followed on 26th July by a showjumping show which attracted a large number of entries, and thanks are due to Mandy for the use of Froghill again and to Linda for being in charge of the course and giving everyone a chance to conquer any problems. This was followed by another dressage at Froghill on 9th August – a really hot day with large classes, especially the Intro!

On 13th September we held a dressage and show jumping event at Oak Tree Stables (belonging to Linda). Linda has carried out a huge amount of work at her fields. Riders had a flat, green dressage arena, heaps of space to park lorries (social distancing to extremes), a large, flat area to ride in and an enclosed manège for showjumping. Sadly, as if Covid isn't a disaster enough, the day before the competition we heard there was a case of strangles on the Island and felt we had to offer competitors the chance to withdraw. Understandably, the majority withdrew and we were left with only 9 competitors. However, Linda decided to continue and so we made it an afternoon event and the remaining competitors enjoyed perfect weather in perfect conditions. Thank you to our helpers at all these events and to all our dressage judges and writers who have to be in their own 'bubble'.

We are moving indoors from October and will be at Island Riding Centre for our dressage and training nights (Covid Permitting)