

## VECTIS TEAM REPORT

As we all know, covid stopped play for some of our area competitions so they then became virtual

The winter national dressage championships went online and several members were in the ribbons. Our senior team of Zoe, Grace, Nicole, Penny and Helen were placed 2<sup>nd</sup> only one point behind the winners. Charlie Adkins excelled and won both his championship tests.

This is first time Vectis has entered a virtual competition - one way to save on ferry fares!

So - things started to get back to normal (whatever normal is now)

We had the summer area dressage in June, sending one senior team: Jess, Cally, Kiera and Georgie.

Summer show jumping we sent one senior team, Zoe, Cally Dianne and Jess plus Georgina as an individual. Team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Maddie and Megan both placed as junior individuals

Horse trials was held at Moreton and although no teams we had two individual riders Charlie Dunn and Millie Meadows, with Millie winning her section and going on to ride at the Championships.

Last area competition of the summer was dressage to music, with Kelly Blow representing the club - hopefully will have more people "having a go" at this competition this year

So, then we started the winter area events with the arena eventing - one junior member Maddie Jayne Oakes & 5 senior members: Abbie Newnham, Charlotte Sandell, Dianne Nash, Megan Murchinson and Cally Dawkins, with Cally winning her section and qualifying for the championships

The novice show jumping was held Sunday 27th Feb - a very successful day for Vectis with Julie Hoskyns winning her class and Penny Edwards placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Our juniors beat the seniors by winning the team class and qualifying for the championship. This was history in the making for Vectis, as this is the first junior SJ team we have ever had, let alone a qualifying one

We still have the area dressage on the 19<sup>th</sup> March at Crofton and this will be the last of the winter area events.

Vectis has always tried to encourage members to compete at these area riding club events and we try to help towards the cost of competing on the mainland by covering the cost of the team entry fees. this can amount to quite a lot - the last SJ event entry fees were over £500.00 We will continue with this policy while the club has the funds to do so.

Our club events help to raise the money for area competitions so please support where you can.

It is fun to be part of a team but one of the problems we always have is finding enough people to travel with the teams as an event helper, this is a condition of entry, so if you are hoping to be part of a Vectis team in the future, please be aware you will be asked to find a helper.

Don't forget it is your club, help is always needed and appreciated by the committee, so please come and give us your support whenever you can.