

## SOUTH DEVON RIDING CLUB 2020 AGM

### Chairpersons report

Well what a year! Whoever could have predicted the awful pandemic coming!

Instructions came from HQ to close all the events and clinics from the end of March, meaning we couldn't do anything for 3 months, then in July when we were able to start up we had to make sure everything was COVID safe and secure with extra Risk Assessment work to be put in place. I must thank our very hard working committee and Kate Scott-Smith our Health & Safety Officer for sorting all this for us.

Our clinics started up again and we're well subscribed, we had a virtual dressage competition, which I'm sure that all who entered enjoyed and also some Area competitions, that were very successful for our members & teams, which I will ask Becky to tell you about shortly. We also managed to get a COVID secure camp in September thanks to Michelle and Lucinda.

We were going to have a Summer Camp this year at Chard which we had to cancel so instead we had a day there which from the feedback everyone enjoyed.

Our committee meetings are virtual now and will probably have to be for some time to come, which I find very disjointed and nothing like seeing everyone in person.

The committee is going through some major changes this year. We have already had two members resign earlier in the year - Nell Candelaria and Grace Vooght, but now at this AGM our Treasurer Sandra Davis, who has been the backbone of the club for more years than she can remember is standing down. She ran most of the dressage competitions at Coombe Park for years, organised our much loved Three Phase day and so much more.....I don't think the club would be where it is now without her!! I sure she will be sadly missed. Also Fran Bullen who was once our chairperson, a great supporter of the club and has put many hours in behind the scenes is also standing down. And after 12 years on the committee and 9 of them as your chairperson I am also hanging up my boots.

I have made some very good friends from being in this club and hope you will all keep in touch & I cannot thank the committee enough for all your help and support throughout the years which has made my job as Chair run smoothly.

BECKY please can you let's us know how our members and teams have got on representing the club this year?

Very well done to all of you who took part and especially those who got placed. Unfortunately we will not be giving awards this year as we have not only missed so much but it would be a logistical nightmare to organise.

Diane Penfold (Mrs.)