

Erme Valley RDA

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March 2023

Time is flying by, and the competition season is creeping up on us. Firstly, some thank yous; A big thank you to Sarah who brings us all cakes once a month this helps keep us going during incredibly busy Monday sessions! And thank you to the Salcombe art club for supporting us again, £250 will be presented on May.

This last month we received a special reply from HRH Princess Anne from the art work we sent following the Queen's death, a very special card of gratitude. Thank you to Ysabel for leading the team. Some of our riders also attended the Para/RDA dressage clinic at the Brook with List 1 Dressage judge Clare Deithrick. Great training before the regionals and Inter county and we are looking forward to welcoming Clare back this month.

Well done to those that have completed the most recent ASDAN course, everyone did a brilliant job and became a lovely group of friends showing brilliant teamwork. There will be a follow on 'Project' course for ASDAN for anyone that has previously completed the course with us or plans on doing the next full course, that will run after Easter for 6 weeks. The next full courses will run in the summer holidays for the 6 weeks and then again from September for the full 12 weeks. Please speak to Sophie if you would like any more information.

Sue and Felicity will be organising the Tea with a pony sessions to begin from next term. This is an opportunity for those with dementia to visit and have a proper cup of tea! If you know of anyone that may benefit from these sessions please let them know and put them in touch with us.

Sadly there will be not be an Easter Fun day this year due to time constraints, but we will run an Easter raffle so prizes needed please! Raffle tickets will be available in the office.

We will also be selling some of our tack and indoor rugs in a big sale of second hand items that are not used but taking up space, this will be on THURSDAY 6th APRIL. Please speak to Sophie if you think you might be able to help on the day or you are able to help set up/ organise on the day before. We would like to have a refreshment table however this is not Sophie's forte willing volunteers welcome!

Please remember that we are still fundraising for our straw for next year we currently have made £312 of the £2000 that we will need. Please donate what you can. https://www.gofundme.com/f/straw-fund-for-2023?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy+link&utm_source=customer

We are very excited to welcome the new horse 'Just Jack' to the team; an 8 year old 15.3hh cob. He is proving to be a great addition to the team and those that have had a ridden him have had a lovely time. We are very grateful too Earnest Jackson's Of Crediton for purchasing him.

Congratulations to our newly qualified activity leads: Jill, Fliss and Cara.

We have been busy preparing for our annual vet check, hand in hand with this is the Staff appraisals thank you for all their hard work. Sadly Mark has sustained an injury which will keep him off work for a little while, we are hoping he feels better soon. This means we are very short on the yard so please bare with us and if you are able to help on the yard it would be very much appreciated. The Work Experience have all carried out monitoring and goal setting running up to our annual census at the end of march.

A reminder please about the Isolation block (on the right as you walk up the yard) please pay close attention to the clearly displayed notices - these horses may be new to the yard and we need to be careful that infection is controlled and manage the biosecurity carefully.

Please use text message not whats app or facebook messenger as messages get missed.

Saturday riders please check on timings on Friday before via text as this session can be changeable.

The next happy hoof club will be on Monday 13th March , 5.30pm - 7pm at the Brook for a Carriage driving display followed by Pizza at Nias. This is open to everyone that might be interested in seeing the driving.

Contact details:

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Items always needed:

Paint
Cleaning stuff
Sponges
Paper
Card
craft supplies
garden rakes

Dates:

10th March - Para / RDA dressage clinic with Clare D

13th March - Happy Hoof / carriage driving display

20th - 27th March - Sessions may be changeable this week please confirm them over the coming week.

Tues 21st March - Accessible social club @ The Brook

Thurs 24th March - NO EVENING RDA session

1st April - Last session before easter (TBC)

Tuesday 18th April - Accessible social club @ Filham Park Ivybridge

Wednesday 19th April - First session back

Tuesday 25th April - Show jumping at the Brook

29th, 30th April 1st May - ICC at Bicton (NO RIDING)

2nd May - Accessible social club @ The Brook

6th May - No Sessions

Tuesday 9th May - Dressage and countryside challenge @ Lakefield

16th May - Accessible social club @ The Brook

Thursday 18th and Sat 20th May - No sessions

29th May - 4th June - Half Term

6th June - Accessible social club @ The Brook

12th - 17th June - Helper training week

20th June - Accessible social club @ The Brook

4th July - Accessible social club @ The Brook

5th July - Coffee morning

14th 15th 16th July - Nationals @ Hartpury

18th July - Accessible social club @ The Brook

20th July - AGM and BBQ