

# Erme Valley RDA

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## April 2023

The next month we will be heavily involved in competitions the inter county dressage at Bicton now only a couple of weeks away and the regional showjumping on 25th April. Good luck to all those taking part. Please make sure you look carefully at the dates.

Going onto the Lakefield competition; dressage, countryside challenge and arts and crafts on the 9th May. We need helpers and volunteers for this day please speak to Peggy for more information. Those competing will need to speak to Peggy about practice times. We are maximum capacity for participants this year anyone that we haven't been able to take will be able to take part in the virtual this year. If you would like to do the virtual competition this year please let us know in the office.

The follow on 'project' course for ASDAN is due to start after Easter on Thursday afternoon. 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 too Sophie if you would like any more information.

The Easter rug sale, wine, cakes, and raffle took a big effort to organise thank you so much to those that helped organise before and after and those that provided the delicious refreshments! The remaining rugs are now at Winzers Equine being sold for us and we are hoping to top £1000. Raffle winners are on facebook, prizes can be collected from the Brook.

The straw fund is complete due to two very generous donations of £1000 each. Thank you so much. However, due to the current weather we have now run out of hay. This means our outgoings are now much higher than usual so any left over from the straw fund will now go to the hay fund. If anyone would like to donate still please follow the link below we would be very grateful.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/straw-fund-for-2023?utm\\_campaign=p\\_lico+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy link&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/straw-fund-for-2023?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy link&utm_source=customer)

The vet check and licensing was successful and yet again the vet and local authority were very impressed with the horse welfare and admin. We are currently putting paperwork together to become a BHS approved centre.

**Please can we remind you again not to touch the horses in the isolation block as you walk past - we know its tempting!**

The London Horse show trip is back running this year (the original Olympia trip) we will need to book the tickets in June please let Peggy know in the office if you would like to attend.

This term we have usual work experience students from colleges, schools and veterinary students please make them welcome.

There is **NO Monday riding sessions** until 15th May.

Contact details:

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**Items always needed:**

Paint - both for poles and the art room!

Sponges - for washing horses

Paper

Card

craft supplies

garden rakes

washing powder

**Dates:**

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

Wednesday 19th April - First session back

Monday 24th April - No sessions

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

Monday 8th May - No session

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