

# Erme Valley RDA

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## June 2023

Wow, what a busy few weeks! A big well done to all those that took part in Bicton Inter- County, the regional showjumping, and the regional dressage and countryside challenge at Lakefield. Not forgetting the art as well! some brilliant results the horses looked fantastic and none of it would be possible without them. Also a big thank you to the volunteers that came along and make these days possible. Thank you to Jamie for schooling the horses. Lots of you have qualified for the nationals at Hartpury in July, we look forward to doing it all again!

For anyone that would like to do the virtual competition this year in September please let us know in the office.

The ASDAN course has been enjoyable, there will not be a summer course this year, but we will run a full 12 week course from September. Please speak to Sophie for more information.

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 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.

Helpers week is 12th - 17th June, the riding is as normal but the focus will be on training helpers during each session. The Thursday evening riders will ride for a shorter time but then we will continue with the training after. If you're a volunteer in any sessions please try and come on the Thursday evening as this is the time dedicated to you and any questions you might have, 6pm - 8.30pm.

We will be handing out the annual participant and volunteer survey after half term. Please do your best to get it back to us.

Coffee morning week is running 3rd July for the week every morning from 10am - 2pm. Please come along and bring your friends. Any donations of cake would be much appreciated and if anyone is able to help us run any of the mornings please let us know. A reminder to all riders and support workers to bring extra money for raffle and cakes. We need your support to continue the session at the current rate.

We could do with an odd job man to help us keep the place spic and span please speak to Peggy!

Just a couple of reminders please send your riders in trousers, we know it is lovely and warm but shorts and skirts are not suitable or comfortable! Secondly please drive slowly down the lane and in the car park.

Lastly a huge good luck to all those that are about to begin exams we are thinking of you all.

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**Items always needed:**

Paint - both for poles and the art room!

Hot chocolate

toilet rolls

Coffee

Biscuits

garden rakes

washing powder

**Dates:**

29th May - 4th June - Half Term

6th June - Accessible social club @ Filham park (weather dependant)

8th June - Extra ASDAN Project session

8th June - Second dietician talk

12th - 17th June - Helper training week

15th June - 6pm - 8.30pm Helper training evening

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20th June - Accessible social club @ The Brook

3rd July - Happy Hoof @ 6pm

3rd July for a week - Coffee morning Week 10am - 2pm

4th July - Accessible social club @ The Brook

10th July - 20th July - Challenge/ activity week

14th 15th 16th July - Nationals @ Hartpury

18th July - Accessible social club @ The Brook

20th July - AGM and BBQ and Demo - committee voting members and Last session before summer holidays